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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The new discovery which so suddenly represented the attention of the Banking and Currency Committee yesterday, and which, it was reported, was to reopen the whole case anew and produce the astonishing developments, has already proven a greater fiasco than did the former effort of the Democratic members of the Committee, when they added FISK Jr. in making up a mass of hearsay testimony. It seems that Mr. COX received a letter from a certain source informing him that the writer had seen an entry upon the books of a certain Express Company of a money package, the value of which was entered as $22,000, and which package was addressed to Mrs. GRANT. The writer of this letter was summoned at once, and yesterday testified to these alleged facts. This morning the books of the Express Company were brought up, and the aforesaid entry was duly examined for verification. It was found that instead of a $25,000 money package, which would have been exactly one year's salary of her excellent husband, it was only a package of the value of $800, containing a lady's gold watch, purchased of and shipped by Messrs. BAIL, BLACK & Co., of New-York City, for Mrs. U. S. GRANT, Washington, D. C. This is the second prodigious result from the efforts of the Democratic members of the Committee. They ought to be satisfied by this time that they are opaque bodies.

THE CASE OF MISSISSIPPI.

The fate of Mississippi in the Senate remains undecided, at least for another day. Yesterday afternoon the call of the roll on the Senate bill to entitle and the Vice-President [illegible] the subject to-day. When he had finished a two hours' argument this afternoon, Mr. GARRETT DAVIS rose to discuss the measure, which he did with a vehemence, for nearly three hours and a half. The only influence he appeared to exercise on the body was a soporific one. At the end of the first hour Senators were restless and uneasy, wondering when the pile of manuscript would be finished. At the close of the second hour Mr. DAVIS had taken a fresh supply of paper closely written and Senators were bordering on despair. At the close of the third hour nearly every man was showing all the undignified symptoms of weariness, and within the next thirty minutes, after the gas had been lighted, and the galleries almost deserted, overcoats were on, and Senators were preparing to leave or move a night session, when Mr. DAVIS became exhausted, and sat down. There was a general feeling of relief. A motion to adjourn prevailed, a general understanding having first been arrived at, to take a vote to-morrow afternoon. The indications are that the bill will be passed, without the fundamental conditions; but the vote will be very close either way. Mr. MORTON, in the course of the debate, and in reply to Mr. BAYARD, gave it as his opinion that if only one thing had been satisfactorily demonstrated in the history of the Government, it was the fatal policy of the life appointment of Judges.

THE NEW-YORK JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

The bill for the reorganization of the Judicial Districts of New-York, introduced yesterday by Mr. FARNUM, of the Rensselaer District, contemplates simply the extension of the present Eastern District so as to include the Counties of Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, Columbia, Greene, Delaware, Rensselaer, Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, Montgomery, Washington, Saratoga, Warren, Fulton, Hamilton, Essex, Clinton, Franklin and St. Lawrence. Terms are proposed to be held at Brooklyn on the first Tuesday in January, at Albany on the first Tuesday in June, at Plattsburg on the first Tuesday in September, and at Ogdensburg on the first Tuesday of November. Terms may be adjourned from any of the aforesaid places to Troy, Schenectady or Poughkeepsie, by previous order of the Court. If Congress shall deem it inexpedient to pass Judge CHURCHILL'S bill to create another district in the State, then this bill certainly ought to pass. It will largely relieve the pressure of business upon the Court of the Southern District, and will also relieve the Northern District to a very great extent, this relief being much needed in each case.

THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD.

The question of the removal of the Brooklyn Navy Yard was discussed to-day in the House Naval Committee. Representative STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut, appeared to support General SLOCUM'S bill for a removal, and to urge that, when the Yard is removed, it should be taken to New-London. He made a long argument, and supported his position with letters from Admiral STRINGHAM and Admiral GODON; and also with a letter signed by Marshall O. Roberts, William E. Dodge, Russell Sturgis, Collector Grinnell, Harper Bros., the Appletons, Geo. W. Blunt, and a large number of other prominent business men of New-York. Admiral STRINGHAM briefly sets forth the reasons why the removal should be made, and declares in favor of New-London. Admiral GODON does not express any opinion as to where the Yard should go, but writes at length why it should be discontinued in Brooklyn. He says that the first and greatest disadvantage of the present Yard is its limited water front, which is a source of constant expense and annoyance. The capacities of the Yard were sufficient for the needs of the Government in earlier days, but are wholly inadequate to the present requirements of the service. The vessels at the dock are necessarily so much crowded as to occasion great inconvenience, and to expose them to unusual dangers from fire. He mentions the fact that the city sewers empty into the docks, and says that the cost of removing deposits from this source is from $80,000 to $100,000 per annum, and that the gases from sewers entail an expense of not less than $4,000 to replace the copper destroyed upon each vessel lying in the docks. He holds that the present docking facilities are not sufficient, and that another dry dock is much needed, but there is no room to make it. He sets forth generally the advantages that would accrue to Brooklyn from the proposed removal. In the course of his letter he says that the present property could be sold for $[illegible], and should not be sold for much less. The following are some of the principal objections stated by Mr. STARKWEATHER and others in the Brooklyn Yard:

"The evaporation water from it is insufficient, which occasions inconvenience and delay in the frequent removals of vessels, and expense in bringing private docks. There is no adjacent roadstead in which vessels can anchor while going in or out of the harbor. The channel is narrow and subject to dangerous severe currents. A right of way is reserved to the city for a through street, the yard, which destroys in a few months the copper on the vessels. The area of land is inadequate to the wants of a first-class navy yard. The immediate vicinity of oil works, dye works, at all times the property of the Government and the growth of Brooklyn and Williamsburg renders the enforcement of police regulations difficult, and has by no means beneficial influence on the morals of the operatives."

THE GEORGIA SENATORS.

The new Senators elected by the Georgia Legislature are not up, in point of character and standing, to what was hoped for from the reorganized Legislature of that State. Mr. BLODGETT only is well known here, but is probably the least popular of any one of the prominent Republicans of Georgia. Mr. FARROW, elected to supersede JOSHUA HILL, is the present Attorney-General of the State, and is said to be a very able and popular man. He has not been much identified with the quarrels of the factions in the State. Mr. WHITELY, elected for the short term, was the Republican candidate for Congress in the Third District, but was defeated by his Democratic competitor, NELSON TARPY. What the result will be, it is impossible to say. It looks now as though there would be a great muddle in the matter. It is not at all probable that the House will declare Georgia entitled to representation, except upon conditions such as have been imposed upon Virginia and Mississippi. The Judiciary Committee of the Senate, it is understood, will hold that a new declaration of the right of the State to representation is unnecessary, and that the credentials of HILL and MILLER are properly before it for consideration. Should they be overruled by the Senate, and the House proposition be concurred in, then the whole question of the validity of the old Legislature will come up for decision in this case. There would seem to be no way out of the question, except through the position of General TERRY, that the act of Dec. 22, 1869, taken in connection with the previous acts of reconstruction, placed the Government of the State on a provisional basis, with its action wholly subject to revision by Congress.

REMOVAL OF POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

The House Reconstruction Committee agreed to-day to report a general bill, for the removal of political disabilities, at the earliest opportunity. The principal provisions of the bill are a set form of petitions which is to be filed by the applicant in one of the United States Courts, and which the Judge is to act upon. If the facts set forth are good and sufficient, the Judge is to grant a certificate, which immediately restores the person so applying to his full rights under the law. If the Judge declines to grant the certificate, then [illegible] can be reviewed by act of Congress. There are other clauses of the bill [illegible] certificates shall not authorize to recover property, or be used to set up a claim for property destroyed during the war.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, championed the continuation of the franking privilege in the Senate to-day, and made half an hour's speech on the subject. He was very strong and pointed, and maintained that it was not the privilege of Congressmen, or a favor to them, but to the people. There is hardly a doubt that a majority of the Senators are honestly and sincerely of the opinion that the continuance of the frank would be beneficial; but they will vote for its abolition, on account of the clamor which has been raised on the question.

THE TARIFF BILL.

Speaker BLAINE has invited Hon. WILLIAM A. WHEELER, of New-York, to act as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole during the consideration of the Tariff bill. In view of the vigorous, if not strong character of the discussion that is likely to ensue, the selection is more than an ordinary compliment, and in this case is certainly well bestowed. Mr. WHEELER possesses coolness, firmness and quick perception, with a good judicial mind; and is further qualified by a former experience in Congress, and an experience as a presiding officer in the last Constitutional Convention of New-York.

ADDITIONAL PORTS OF ENTRY.

The pressure from the West for the creation of additional ports of entry and delivery is very great, and there are at least two or three hundred applications, petitions and bills now before Congress praying for the creation of more. The Treasury Department, however, is indisposed to further increase the number of these ports, and will shortly submit to Congress a communication asking for the abolition of many of the minor ones, on the ground that the importations are too small, and that their continuance entails too heavy an expense on the Government.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ALASKA.

The House Committee on Territories, which is now considering the subject of civil government for Alaska, seems to be opposed to the organization of that large region into a Territory, with its various governmental concomitants. The sentiment of the Committee is more likely to result in making of the Territory a Judicial District, so as to enforce the laws, try offenders and punish criminals. The luxury of a separate government for the Territory is not to be conferred upon its one hundred and fifty white citizens at present.

EFFECT OF A FIRE.

A fire which occurred at one of our hotels this morning, caused considerable excitement at the Capitol. It happened to be the residence of two or three of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and that grave body adjourned to save the loss probably of very many valuable manuscript opinions. Two or three Senators and half a dozen Congressmen who were attending Committee duty also rushed off hastily to look after their personal effects.

THE REVENUE BUREAU.

The Ways and Means Committee have considered the portion of the President's Message referring to the desirability of making the Internal Revenue Bureau a separate Department from the Treasury, and making of its head a Cabinet officer, and agreed to report in favor of it. It is urged that the Revenue Department has grown to such vast proportions that it is almost impossible to run it efficiently and properly as a sub-Department.

CUBA IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate had a meeting this morning, when Mr. SHERMAN'S Cuban resolution was discussed. It is hardly possible to tell what the Committee will do at this stage. There is a great deal of information before the Committee on the subject, furnished by the State Department, which, under certain circumstances, would seem to justify very decided action; but then, again, there are other and very cogent reasons against the taking of so important a step.

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. DIXON, the Chairman of the House Commerce Committee, was to-day instructed by the Committee to appoint a sub-Committee of five, of which he should form one, to prepare a River and Harbor Appropriation bill.

MONEY FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The petitions and bills now before Congress asking appropriations for outlays of money in public improvements are exceedingly numerous, and call for millions of dollars.

FORT WARDENS OF NEW-YORK.

The bill providing for the creation of a Board of Fort Wardens of New-York, making these officials officers of the General instead of State Government, and placing them under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury, was canvassed at great length in the House Commerce Committee to-day. Several amendments were proposed to the pending bill, circumscribing the duties of the Wardens and bringing them more closely under the control of the Department, but no final action was taken. Mr. POTTER, of the Committee, opposed the proposition on various grounds.

THE SALE OF GARRETSHIPS.

The House Committee on Military Affairs, in the cadet investigation, brought up two witnesses from Harrisburg this morning, but while waiting the arrival of absent members of the Committee, the witnesses took "leg bail" and disappeared. The investigation is growing rapidly, and its base is already broad enough to cover several cases of flagrant venality on the part of members and ex-members.

PERSONAL.

General GRANT having declined the appointment of Assessor for the Sixth District of New-York, the President to-day nominated General MAX WEBER to that position. Commissioner DELANO left for New-York this morning, and will be engaged in that City on public business during the present week. Deputy Commissioner DOUGLASS is acting Commissioner in Mr. DELANO'S absence.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were sent in to-day: Max. Webber to be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Sixth District of New-York; Washburn S. Havens, Collector of Customs at Sag Harbor, N. Y.; Silas M. Matteson, Collector of Customs at Dunkirk, N. Y.; Barnabas Smith, Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Second District of Missouri; Charles H. Hemstead, United States Attorney at Utah; John S. Routt, Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois; Haynes E. Hudson, Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. To be Postmasters—Charles H. Prince, at Augusta, Ga.; Jesse Schriver, at Tiffin, Ohio; John A. Martin, at Atchison, Kansas.

SITES FOR NATIONAL DEFENCES.

The Secretary of War has submitted to the Senate a bill designed to facilitate the acquisition of sites for national works of defence, and to protect the public Treasury against the combinations sometimes formed by the owners of real estate, which may be required for public use, for the purpose of extorting from the United States an exorbitant price. Inasmuch as the erection of additional batteries for the defence of important points on the coast of the United States is a pressing necessity, early and favorable consideration of the subject is recommended.

FITZ-JOHN PORTER.

Application for Remission of Penalties—The Dispatches Second Battle of Bull Run—Opinion of General McClellan—Mr. Porter's Review of His Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—General FITZ-JOHN PORTER'S case is in the hands of the President, bearing General SHERMAN'S indorsement of General [illegible] for a remission of the penalties. General PORTER does not seek nor expect a [illegible] of his case in the [illegible]. His friends state that he is willing to submit his case to the President, General SHERMAN and the Secretary of War or other high officers. Under the act of Congress passed in 1868-69, the President may practically revise Courts Martial proceedings by reappointment of the party affected by its verdict. A renomination places the matter before the Senate or the Executive may, without appointment, remit penalties where injustice has been done. PORTER seeks remission only at this time, and insists that the Government cannot properly refuse to hear the new evidence, and urges that his opponents cannot oppose a re-hearing of the case without fastening suspicion upon them. Pamphlets confidentially circulated among members of Congress and the principal army officers, show that the application for a rehearing rests distinctly on the proposition that the finding of the Court Martial in the case was a mistake. The appeal charges no wrong purpose or intentional injustice on the part of the Court, but cites important new testimony which, at the time of the trial, was inaccessible, and which is claimed to fully vindicate the accused. Among the many influential parties who, on those grounds, unite in the appeal for a rehearing are Hons. Henry Wilson, Horace Greeley, John Sherman, A. G. Curtin, N. P. Banks, Lafayette S. Foster, Ira Harris and Robert C. Winthrop.

GENERAL M'CLELLAN'S OPINION.

The following "opinion" in the case, from the pen of Major-General MCCLELLAN, presents the main facts relied upon in PORTER'S appeal, viz.:

In the case of General FITZ-JOHN PORTER, two points seem to have been chiefly relied upon to justify the verdict:

First—The alleged failure to obey the order of six P. M. of the 27th, requiring him to remove his command as I A. M. of the 28th.

Second—The alleged failure to attack on the 29th of August.

THE DISOBEDIENCE.

It appears to me that the first point, considered by itself, can be disposed of very briefly. PORTER'S force was at Gainesville, Aug. 27, and needed rest; the night was very dark, the road hard and blocked by wagon trains. PORTER'S impulse was to obey the order literally, but his subordinate Generals (MORELL, SYKES and BUTTERFIELD) were so decided in their conviction that the movement should be delayed, that he yielded to their advice and started only at 3 o'clock. The result showed that a still greater delay would have been judicious as giving the troops more rest and bringing them to their destination quite as early as they actually reached it, for they were much delayed on the march. It is not clearly established that any injurious results flowed from the postponement, and it may confidently be asserted that no unprejudiced officer of experience would maintain that General PORTER'S action in the case warrants the severe sentence passed upon him. He simply exercised a responsibility that must sometimes be taken by an officer receiving an order from a superior at a distance. With sufficient reasons, and from good motives, he departed slightly from the literal requirements of the order, while he thoroughly carried out its spirit; his purpose was to reach the end of the march in the shortest time, with the least fatigue to his men, and to keep them in proper condition for action. This may have been an error of judgment, (I do not think it was,) but surely cannot be regarded as a crime.

THE FAILURE TO ATTACK.

Now, as to the second point, viz., the alleged failure to attack the enemy on the 29th of August. Up to about the hour of noon on that day, General MCDOWELL was with or near General PORTER, and, as the senior officer, was vested with the command. He had under his control two divisions of his own corps—those of KING and RICKETTS. About noon he separated himself from PORTER, and, with his two divisions, marched off to join POPE, by a road leading to the right and rear of PORTER'S position. It is clear that up to the hour of noon the responsibility for any failure to attack rested with MCDOWELL, not with PORTER. I do not think it necessary to consider here the question whether General MCDOWELL ought to or could have attacked with the joint command. I merely say that up to the period of his departure, PORTER cannot be held responsible. PORTER'S responsibility commences, therefore, about noon. The strength of his command, after the departure of KING'S and RICKETTS' divisions, was about 12,000, somewhat less. PORTER believed at the time, from his own observation, the statements of prisoners and other sources, that LONGSTREET was in front of him with greatly superior force. The positive evidence is now attainable to prove that LONGSTREET was in position with his whole command (more than double PORTER'S corps in strength) before noon on the 29th, ready and anxious to be attacked, and, therefore, that PORTER'S opinions were correct. It appears clear that the only opportunity of attacking, with good chances of success and decisive results, was early in the forenoon, and with all the combined forces of Generals MCDOWELL and PORTER. As soon as the whole of LONGSTREET'S command was in complete repulse of such an attack became doubtful. For PORTER to have made it, after the withdrawal of MCDOWELL'S two divisions, would have been absolute madness; for to have attacked with less than 12,000 men a force more than double in number, excellent in quality, and strongly posted, would have insured the complete repulse of the attacking party, with heavy loss.

THE necessity FOR AN ATTACK.

That attacks must sometimes be made under such circumstances, is no doubt true, for it is sometimes necessary for a portion of an army to sacrifice itself to save the rest of the army, or an important part of it. But it does not appear that this was such a case. The right of our army was abundantly able to take care of itself, and was not hard pressed at the time in question. The main position of PORTER'S command, under the circumstances, was a very strong one, being at least double his number in front of him, and paralyzed them so far as any action against our right was concerned. The additional evidence now attainable which could not be had at the time of the trial proves beyond question that General POPE was mistaken in the belief, which he then entertained, that LONGSTREET was still miles from the field of battle, and that PORTER had only a small force in his front; it proves that an attack made by PORTER at any time after General MCDOWELL'S departure would, in all probability—it might be said with certainty, were there any such thing as absolute certainty in war—have resulted in a complete repulse, with great and useless sacrifice of life; it proves that PORTER'S arrangements were excellent, since they enabled him to hold a greatly superior force in check; it proves that, far from merriting the severe sentence imposed upon him, he in fact deserved great praise for his conduct on that day.

THE ACTION OF THE BOARD.

Justice requires that General PORTER'S conduct on the 29th, when, as is acknowledged, he fought his corps most energetically and desperately, should be kept in mind when forming an opinion of the transactions of the 28th, especially in the light of the new evidence now adduced.

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PORTER'S ARGUMENT.

The printed "appeal" presents an elaborate argument by PORTER himself, supported with copious citations to establish the new facts and the conclusions asserted and maintained by General MCCLELLAN. It also cites a letter to General GRANT from General W. B. FRANKLIN, (no longer in the service,) reflecting very severely upon General POPE, and presenting potent reasons for the conviction that PORTER'S charges against PORTER were "the result of an afterthought," and "were not original with POPE." Another pamphlet distributed to members of Congress by one claiming General PORTER'S reply to an article assumed to be from the pen of General POPE, and published in a New-York evening journal, to discourage the movement for a rehearing. In that article POPE introduces, as evidence of PORTER'S criminal purpose to abandon him to defeat at the second battle of Bull Run on the 29th of August, 1862, PORTER'S dispatch to McDOWELL and KING, in which he stated that the enemy were strong in his front and advancing in heavy force, and that he (PORTER) had "determined to withdraw to Manassas." PORTER now asserts that POPE omitted from his citation of this dispatch the following, viz: "I am now going to the front to ascertain and see what is passing and how affairs are going, and will communicate with you." Commenting upon the suppression of the sentence quoted, PORTER says:

And these words General POPE expunges from my dispatch to suit his purpose! I will not assume to characterize such an office against a common friend. If I had written what POPE says I wrote, I would be a rascal and will bear a rascal's fate. When I wrote the dispatch I believed, from report, our right was retiring under pressure of superior force, and knowing that General Longstreet was still miles off, and knowing that there was no reserve with Longstreet, I felt that I had reported to be passing, I expect it and hoped my withdrawal would be a necessity if by force was to be applied to Longstreet's corps. I wrote it to suit which his garbled dispatch is published. General POPE concludes the branch of the subject as follows: "Was there in the mind of any human being, or was it possible, that at 6 o'clock on the 29th, General POPE had in his front no considerable body of the enemy. I believed then, as I am very sure now, that it was simply impossible for him to have turned the right flank of JACKSON and to have fallen upon his rear; that if he had done so, we would have gained a decided victory over the army of JACKSON. Longstreet's corps could not have joined by any of the forces of Longstreet, &c., &c."

"NOW, I submit," says PORTER, "that LONGSTREET could not have been engaged at 4 P. M. of the 29th August, in saving JACKSON from disastrous defeat, by taking troops from in front of me, if those troops were miles away in the rear, and, according to POPE'S testimony, they did not begin to arrive till sundown on that day, and were coming on the field all night and the next morning, (30th.)"

THE CONCLUSION.

General PORTER concludes his reply to General POPE as follows:

"Without the slightest disposition to avail myself of any technical point that could be raised in my favor, I submit that on account of General POPE'S course and assertions, grave doubts arise as to whether my trial was in accordance with the act of Congress of May 29, 1862, which states: 'Whenever a general officer commanding an army, or a Colonel commanding a separate department, shall be the accuser or prosecutor of any officer in the army of the United States under his command, the General Court Martial for the trial of such officer shall be appointed by the President of the United States.' Now, General POPE, in his protest of Sept. 12, 1862, against a rehearing of my case, comes forward in my accusation and prosecution. In his report to the Committee on the Conduct of the War, he says, 'I considered it a duty I owed to the country to bring Fitz John Porter to justice. With his convicted and punishment ended all official connection I have had with the matters that related to the court-martial of Fitz John Porter.' The letter of the article may perhaps not have been violated, but in spirit its violation was purposed, for if General POPE was not the accuser, he was, as he now appears, then my Court should have been appointed by the President, and not by the General-in-Chief."

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, with an accompanying bill, relative to the acquisition of sites for national coast defenses. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CAPTURED ORDNANCE FOR CHICAGO.

Mr. THAYER, from the Military Committee, reported the House joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to place at the disposal of Bridges' Battery Association, at Chicago, certain captured ordnance. Passed.

THE IRONCLAD NAVY.

Mr. MORTON offered a resolution, which was agreed to, calling upon the President for information as to the number and character of the ironclads belonging to the Navy of the United States; what they have cost; by whom designed; by what officers their construction has been recommended, and what is their present condition.

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE.

Committees of Conference on the part of the Senate were appointed upon the disagreements between the two Houses on the Naval Deficiency and Military Academy bills, as follows:

On the former, Messrs. Merrill of Maine, Cragin and Chandler; on the latter, Messrs. Wilson, Schurz and Stockton.

ABOLITION OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

On motion of Mr. RAMSEY, the bill to abolish the franking privilege was taken up, the question being on the amendment of Mr. DRAKE to allow the free transmission of newspaper exchanges through the mails, as at present.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, delivered an argument upon the necessity of various modifications of the bill in the event of its passage, so that the operations of the Agricultural Department in the circulation of valuable information might not be impeded, and the Department thus virtually destroyed. Provision was also necessary relating to the free transmission of the correspondence of foreign Governments and other matters. He regarded the franking privilege as a privilege not to members of Congress, but to the people to communicate freely with their representatives. It was one of the sources of political light and knowledge, and could not safely be abridged. The people were entitled to know what their representatives did here, and to know it at little cost. He suggested that the bill should be recommitted with a view to being perfected by those of its friends who might be willing to fix it into shape.

THE MISSISSIPPI BILL.

The bill was then laid aside, and the unfinished business—the Mississippi bill—was taken up.

Mr. BAYARD, in reply to the speaker from Indiana, (Mr. MORTON,) denied the assumption that the constitutional definition of a republican form of government progressed or changed with the times, claiming that the Constitution was now as heretofore, the supreme law of the States. He held that conditions could not be imposed upon a State, such as prohibitions of slavery, which was in the Constitution, without attacking the underlying principles of a republican government, that the majority shall rule, or that the majority of the people of a State shall regulate their own institutions. He cited at length from various authorities to show conclusively that they feared the dangers of legislative usurpations had been foreseen by the founders of the Government, and that the apprehensions then expressed were now being realized in the consequences of the revolutionary and violent reconstruction system of Congress.

Mr. MORTON said the construction put by the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BAYARD) upon the constitutional clause guaranteeing to every State a republican form of government would entirely destroy the provision. While denying to Congress the power to preserve its work, that Senator denied the Congressional power to reconstruct; but if the clause referred to did not vest this power in Congress it had no meaning whatever.

Mr. DAWES delivered a lengthy argument upon the relative powers of the Federal and State Governments, and proceeded to give his interpretation of the truly republican form of government, and pointed out the infringement thereof by the reconstruction policy of Congress.

At 5:20 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. SMITH, of Vermont, presented petitions from citizens of six States interested in the use and sale of lumber for the repeal of the law imposing duties on imported lumber.

CLOSE OF LAND OFFICES.

Mr. JULIAN, from the Committee on Public Lands, offered a resolution to close the land offices in any State where the sale of unsold lands did not exceed ten thousand acres, which was passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. CHURCHILL—To regulate fees of attorneys, &c., in the United States Courts.

By Mr. MOORHEAD, of Pennsylvania—Authorizing the payment of bounties to persons who were rejected as volunteers, and who were immediately afterwards drafted and held to service.

A CORRECTION.

In the vote yesterday on Mr. LOUGHRIDGE'S resolution to increase the currency, Mr. MYERS is recorded as having voted against laying the resolution on the table. He stated that he should have been recorded as voting to lay it on the table.

A QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE.

A question arose as to the order of business. Mr. DAWES wanted to go into Committee on the Legislative Appropriation bill. Mr. BUTLER, of Tennessee, wanted to call up the Greene-Van Wyck contested election case, and Mr. SWANN desired to dispose of the message reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs in relation to the imprisonment of Americans in Great Britain for political offences. The discussion occupied half an hour, but finally the latter subject got the preference, on condition that it should be disposed of in the morning hour.

AMERICANS IMPRISONED ABROAD.

Mr. COX asked and obtained leave to have printed in the Globe a statement which he had received of the grievances and sufferings of those political exiles.

Mr. SWANN, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, addressed the House in support of the resolution, and in reply to the remarks of Mr. WILLARD when the subject was first up, about two weeks since.

Mr. BANKS stated that Mr. ORTH, who had reported the resolutions, was unavoidably absent from the House to-day and would seek another opportunity of expressing his views in the matter.

Mr. GAVANAUGH, of Montana, having five minutes before the close of the morning hour, used that time in replying to the remarks of Mr. WILLARD in relation to the colonies of the Mormons.

About a dozen members asked and obtained permission to have speeches on the same subject printed in the Globe.

The resolution, which calls on the President for information was then adopted.

THE VAN WYCK-GREENE CONTESTED SEAT.

The House, at 1:35, took up the contested election case from the Eleventh Congressional District of New-York, the resolutions reported by the Committee being that Clemens H. Grannis, the sitting member is not entitled to the seat, and that CHARLES H. VAN WYCK, the contestant, is. The subject was discussed until 4:30 o'clock, and went over until to-morrow without action.

The House then adjourned.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

ASTORIA, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The Nassau Oil Works and O'CONNOR'S icehouse were destroyed by fire this morning, and a man named DORSEY perished in the flames.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 15.—FRANK TERHUNE'S carpenter shop, at Wappinger's Falls, was designedly set on fire last night and destroyed. The loss is $2,500; covered by insurance.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The charter election to-day was closely contested. The Republicans reelected Mayor CLARK by 364 majority, and one Overseer of the Poor and one Justice. The Democrats elected one Justice, one Overseer of the Poor and one Constable. On Supervisors the Republicans carry five of the eight Wards. On Aldermen the Democrats carry five of the eight Wards. The Common Council stand five Democrats to three Republicans. The Board of Supervisors of Onondaga County, as reported to-night, stands nineteen Republicans to eight Democrats.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A horrible affair occurred at Ohioville, Ulster County, to-day. A deaf and dumb negro named GARDINER, employed by a wealthy farmer named DANIEL A. HASBROUCK, attacked the latter with an axe and after repeated onslaughts, cut and mangled his head in a terrible manner. A physician of this city left the victim at 4:30 o'clock in a dying condition. The negro has been arrested.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—In the Municipal Court this morning, Dr. S. F. BACHELDER was charged with manslaughter, in having caused the death of MARTHA A. HILL, and was held in $2,000 bail for trial....MARIA HILL, the woman arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of JACOBS, in Stoughton, has made a confession in which she charges two colored men, named WM. E. HILLS and JOHN PHILLIPS, with the commission of the murder. Their motive was robbery.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 15.—JOHN A. MUNROE was hanged this morning for the murder of CATHARINE VAIL, his mistress, and their child in September last. He left a written confession of his crime.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Commodore STEPHEN CHAPLIN, of the United States Navy, and the last surviving officer of the battle of Lake Erie, in which he commanded the *Scorpion*, from which vessel the first and the last gun was fired, lies dangerously ill at his residence in this city.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 15.—The jury in the case of Mrs. ROSANNAH ROGERS, tried for the murder of her half-brother, have rendered a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, with a recommendation of the prisoner to the mercy of the Court.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Last night the store of COOPER & CONARD, corner of Ninth and Market streets, was entered by burglars and robbed of 1,000 yards of silk, valued at about $6,000. The thieves effected an entrance through an adjoining building, on Little-street, in the rear to the roof. The goods were thrown out of the window to confederates, who were in waiting in the alley. The records made their exit in the same way.

DALTON, Minn., Feb. 15.—Ground was broken on the Northern Pacific Railroad to-day. One hundred men are at work. Six parties of engineers are in the field, and the work is to be vigorously pushed forward.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 15.—There is great rejoicing. The great work has commenced breaking ground on Northern Pacific.

TELEGRAMS.

An Irish Land Reform Bill in the House of Commons.

Mr. Gladstone's Speech on the Land Question.

The Duke of Montpensier's Visit to Madrid.

Opening of the New Dominion Parliament.

Domestic News from All Parts of the Country.

EUROPE

A Land Reform Bill for Ireland in the British House of Commons—Speech of Mr. Gladstone in Presenting the Bill—Review of the Irish Land Question.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The House of Lords transacted no business of importance to-day, and adjourned at an early hour to enable their lordships to attend the House of Commons, where it was expected that the new Irish Land bill would be introduced. In the House of Commons, the benches were filled and the galleries crowded. Notices were given of bills to relieve the Bishops from attendance on Parliament, and to reduce the rate of letter and newspaper postage. A denial was made on the part of the Government that negotiations had been entered upon for the renewal of the commercial treaty with France.

Mr. GLADSTONE then rose and asked leave to bring in a bill for land reform in Ireland. He referred to the day on which he introduced the Irish Church bill, when other measures to meet the demands of Ireland were promised, and he said he would now proceed to fulfill that promise. He recapitulated the history of the land question since 1843. The necessity for its settlement was now generally admitted. He hoped there would be a union of all parties in favor of the proposed reform. The best talent of the kingdom had been applied to the solution of the problem. It must gratify the Irish people to see England giving years of ungrudging labor to the understanding and redress of their grievances. The recent agrarian outrages were not due to the revival of this question. They were not of frequent occurrence in the agricultural sections, and were rare in the purely Celtic ones. Irish land tenures were widely different from those of England and Scotland. The Irish landlord usually differed from his tenant in politics and religion, and seldom lived on his estates. The tenant was bound to improve the land, but was often deprived of the crops he had planted. The people believed that the soil was their own and that it had been taken from them by conquest and confiscation. During the last ten years, while the value of labor had remained stationary, the cost of living had increased and the progress of Ireland had been checked. Half a century of legislation had done nothing for the small landholders or the peasantry. Mr. GLADSTONE then reviewed the legislation on this subject since the act of Union, and continued: "Emigration was a good method of relief when voluntary; but when it became compulsory, and men were compelled to leave who were willing to remain, it was exile, and angered its victims. In the west of Ireland, where the tenant was the least secure, the value of the land had not doubled in ninety years, while in England it had trebled within that time, and in Scotland, where the tenant was most secure, it had increased six fold. Mr. GLADSTONE then enumerated the features of the bill which he proposed to introduce. It provided for security of tenure, the facilitation of transfer and purchase of land, for loans to tenants desiring to buy, and to landlords to enable them to reclaim waste lands. The new law is to be administered by a court of arbitration; Ulster customs are to be recognized; improvements saving value to land are to be paid for; evictions for non-payment of rent are to be bar all claims against tenants; notices to quit are to give the tenant one year's time from the end of the current year, and the county cess is to be divided between the landlords and the tenants.

The bill will be read a second time on the 7th of March.

Another Animated Debate in the French Chambers—Illness of the Empress Eugenie—The Prisoners During the Paris Riots.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—In the Corps Legislatif to-day, M. CHORNEUIL, a Deputy of the Left, asserted that his party in the Chamber really represented the majority of the country. This called forth an indignant denial from M. OLLIVIER. He declared that the present Ministry were the true representatives of the majority, and supported by it, they would do their duty. A wise Government, he continued, conciliates opposition, but does not sacrifice its policy. The majority is not intolerant, but the minority have no right to assume to speak in the name of the nation. JULES FAVRE declared that the Minister had insulted and calumniated the party of the Left. M. OLLIVIER concluded the discussion by stating that the Government would persist in its liberal course, but would resist dangerous agitation, whether in the streets or in the Press....The Emperor and the Prince Imperial visited the Bois de Boulogne to-day. The Prince, who had completely recovered from his recent illness, skated on the Lake. The Empress EUGENIE is quite ill, and could not accompany the party....The persons arrested during the recent disorders have nearly all had their preliminary examinations. Thus far one hundred and four have been held to appear before the Court. ....The speech of the King of Prussia at the opening of the Federal Parliament is not well received here. Nearly all the journals consider it menacing in tone....*La Liberté* says that the family of King LOUIS, of Bavaria, have met at Munich to consider the question of recommending his withdrawal from the throne. The *Liberté* thinks the matter may well become one of national importance in Germany.

The London Times on the Canadian Debate—The Duke of Montpensier in Madrid—A Russian Demand on Switzerland—Opposition to the Pope.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The *Times* this morning in reviewing last evening's debate in Parliament rejoices that the Government has adopted the idea so often advocated in the columns of the *Times*, viz., the withdrawal of the troops from Canada. The *Times* admits that Canada is the only English colony liable to be invaded in case of war; yet peace is so secured that it is foolish to provide now for its rupture....The weather is again fair, though cold.

MADRID, Feb. 15.—The Duke of MONTPENSIER has arrived here, and is already in intimate communication with General PRIM. He has had long interviews both with PRIM and Admiral TOPETE. These circumstances cause much comment. The Duke will leave Madrid to-day. During his visit here he desired to remain incognito, but his presence was known throughout the city. It is reported that he will proceed to London....During the sessions of the Cortes yesterday the Government was interrogated as to the urgency of the revision of the treaty with England on the slave trade—slavery being now rejected by the national conscience,—and the right of search which that treaty gave to England, leading to vexatious interference with the Spanish share of the rich commerce with Africa. Senor SILVELA, the Minister of State, replied that by the treaty England paid $2,000,000 for the right of search, so it was a fair bargain; but the Government would revise England to revise the treaty, as Spain would no longer countenance or allow the importation of negroes.

BERNE, Feb. 15.—Russia has made a peremptory demand of the Swiss Government for the surrender of a certain felon, who took refuge in this country some time ago. As there is no treaty between Russia and Switzerland for extradition, the Government will deliberate upon the matter.

ROME, via PARIS, Feb. 15.—Advices from Constantinople represent that the Armenians, by a large majority, have decided not to recognize the authority of their Patriarch, for the reason that he is too feeble to resist the encroachments of the Pope of Rome on the rights of Eastern Catholics. The Turkish Government is disposed

CURRENT NOTES.

Some judicial decisions are not judicious. The Rhode Island Republican State Convention is to be held on the 15th of March.

GEORGE WASHINGTON has sued the City of Atlanta, Ga., and the trial of the case is set down for the 22d of February.

A cynical bachelor suggests to us that many of the girls of the period are less fastes than figures.

"Red as a Rose is She," is the title of a recent novel. Soon we shall have "Blue as a Cotton Umbrella is He."

It is reported that a popular lecturer last year realized $12,000 by his lectures, and has engagements this year amounting to $40,000. The figures look large.

Lieutenant-Governor JOHN C. LEE, of Ohio, says he will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Toledo District.

If recent suspicions are well-founded, people having sons to educate, will soon be inquiring if all the West Point cadetships have been disposed of.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of New-Hampshire have voted to invite all clergymen in the State to preach temperance discourses on the Sunday before the election.

The total cost of the Illinois and Michigan Canal was $8,621,622, and the receipts from the sale of lands given by the General Government and tolls to Nov. 30, 1858, were $7,120,622.

The Norfolk (Va.) *Day Book* wants the Government to establish at once a great national Navy Yard, and it wants it established at Norfolk.

Rev. Dr. NEHEMIAH ADAMS, of Boston, who sailed on the 28th of October from this port in the ship *Golden Fleece*, commanded by his son, arrived at San Francisco on the 12th inst.

Western papers report that Mrs. M. A. P. DARWIN has been elected Professor of Logic, Rhetoric and English Literature in the Burlington University.

S. TRACKER WALLIS, Esq., will deliver an address upon the life and services of the late GEORGE PEABODY, at the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, on Friday next.

A Kentucky youth, bent upon an elopement with the girl of his choice, seized a hackney last week and on it transported her to a station where they could take the train for Cincinnati.

The Pennsylvania Historical Society held its annual meeting in Philadelphia on Monday night, and elected WM. M. WALLACE President and JAMES R. SNOWDEN Corresponding Secretary.

Connecticut friends of the late General JOSEPH A. MOWER are raising a fund to erect a monument to his memory, and it is suggested that an additional sum be raised for the benefit of his family.

The leaders of the Labor Reform Party in New-Hampshire have forgotten all about the Eight-hour law in the present political campaign, and are working day and night to advance their cause. They are finding it necessary.

Hon. ELIAS MANCHESTER died in Lavanna, Cayuga County, on the 7th inst., aged 77 years. He was a member of the Assembly in 1821, and was prominent in the movement for the repeal of the law for imprisonment for debt.

A bill is before the Maryland Legislature permitting fox hunting in that State between Oct. 1 and April 15, and providing against suits for trespass in the case of persons engaged in it, unless it be shown that they maliciously or unlawfully injured the property chased over.

The Worcester (Mass.) *Spy* does up an item in this way: "One day last week E. C. FARNSWORTH, Esq., of Templeton, had an ox break his neck by catching his horn around a tree. He was quite lame, so that the loss was not very heavy."

Rev. Dr. J. H. BOGARDUS is President of a new College under the patronage of the Philadelphia Classis of the German Reformed Church, about to go into operation at Collegeville, Montgomery County, Penn. Considerable funds are being raised towards endowments, and suitable buildings are being provided.

An old negro preaching in a Maine town, recently condemned the general tendency of men to wish they had others opportunities to do good, and asked: "What would the hummin' bird do wid de eagle's wings? And what could de eagle do wid de hummin' bird's wings? Bredren, use de wings of faith God has gibben you, and God will care for both de eagles' and de hummin' birds' flight."

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court has just tried a suit in a peculiar form. The plaintiff claimed that the indorsement of the note was: "I back this note holden for debt and costs." The defendant claimed that the indorsement was: "I back this note holden for debt and costs," and that the letter "s" had been added. Verdict was rendered for the defendant.

The Honolulu *Gazette*, of Jan. 12, says that the volcano Mauna Loa showed considerable activity. A dense smoke was constantly issuing from it, and several times flames had been seen in the night. The crater of Kilauea was comparatively inactive, although it was observable that the smoke issuing from the crevices in and about the crater was much more dense than it has hitherto been known to be.

The post-mortem examination showed that Congressman HOAG died from an abscess on the brain. His heart, lungs, liver, spine, &c., were critically examined, and all found in a perfectly healthy condition; and until the discovery of the abscess, about the size of a large hickory nut, at the base of the brain, the matter was a mystery. The physicians agreed that the case was a remarkable one, nothing of the kind being found in the records of the Medical Department of the Government.

The San Antonio *Herald* asks Northern papers to say that Western Texas has the most fertile and productive soil, the most healthy climate during the entire year and the cheapest farming and grazing lands in the world, and that well timbered and watered lands requiring but little labor to clear, fence and cultivate are to be had in and between the valleys of the Colorado, Guadalupe, San Marcos and San Antonio Rivers, at the nominal price of from $1 to $5 per acre. To the consumptive, particularly, it says, Come.

Beaten in the Corps Legislatif, the French Protectionists are also cut-voted by practical economists outside of it. The Society of French Agriculturists, under the presidency of M. DROUYN DE LHUYS, opened its annual session at Paris three weeks ago. The apostle of protection, M. POUYER QUERTIER, appeared with a numerous following, to demand the condemnation of the commercial treaties. At a meeting numbering upwards of 700 members, gathered from all parts of France, the following resolutions were adopted by a large majority: 1. That no reason has appeared for condemning the treaties. 2. That the fullest possible inquiry into their operation should be encouraged.

The owners of a Nevada mine sent to their Chicago agent a glowing account of its wonderous richness, with the intention that he should put the mine upon the market. The Chicago agent, however, who was not very intimately acquainted with the Pacific Coast elephant, carefully examined the report, saw in imagination immense mountains of the shining bullion going for a mere song, as it were, and after mature deliberation utterly refused to act. He wrote to the owners of the property that to sacrifice it for the nominal figures demanded would be a piece of wanton recklessness to which he did not desire to be a party, and for this reason he had dismissed negotiations, which otherwise would have culminated in the early sale of the property.

Reduction of Canal Tolls—Report of the Commissioners.

From the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, Feb. 14.

The report of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund is chiefly noticeable as a revival of the Oswego policy of high tolls, and shows how little hope exists of any material reduction unless we can remove the constitutional restrictions. It is charged that the report was made by Comptroller ALLEN, who is an Oswego man; and we know that it was made in response to a resolution introduced by Mr. HOWE, also of Oswego.

As the Constitution now stands, the tolls cannot be reduced until the canal debt is paid, which, with the declining revenues indicated last year, cannot be hoped for in ten years to come. Comptroller ALLEN estimates the canal debt, after deducting all sinking funds, at $12,500,000, and gravely proposes that it should all be paid off before the tolls are reduced. We can readily see the reason of that recommendation. It is simply because such a policy would drive Western commerce through the Welland Canal to enter the Erie Canal at Buffalo in order to avoid the tolls between Buffalo and Syracuse.

Senator HARDENBURGH's resolution, aiming at a reduction of tolls, is a step in the right direction, but it will prove more bamboozle if not followed by legislation involving some plan to amend or avoid the existing constitutional restrictions—either Mr. HARDING or was equally practical. We must make the Canal Board as free to adjust the future canal policy of the State as a board of railroad directors, if we would hope to succeed in retaining our inland commerce.

THE BROOKLYN POST OFFICE

Examination of George Judson, for Alleged Robbery of the Post Office, Before United States Commissioner Jones.

The examination in the case of GEORGE JUDSON, who is charged with appropriating to his own use money belonging to the Brooklyn Post Office, was resumed before Commissioner JONES yesterday.

THOMAS A. KELLY, sworn—Redirect examination by District-Attorney PARRIS. On Jan. 31 I was charged with 43 cents; I paid to Mr. JUDSON 43 cents and he returned 1 cent; I was charged with 41 cents, returned last amount; on that day; on Jan. 4, 43 cents; returned 40 cents [cash that day]; on the 20th charged $2 43, but 16 cents was on a letter; paid Mr. JUDSON $2 25; I received one letter which did not belong to my route; I was charged with two letters at 13 cents, but was charged with one too much; two at 23 cents each, one with 31 cents and one at 41 cents; the latter I returned on the 11th; I paid Mr. JUDSON; all that money I returned to Mr. JUDSON; I recollect of paying to no one else; I paid it to Mr. JUDSON.

Cross-examined by Mr. SANDERSON—I cannot recollect the first time I first saw Mr. JUDSON; I made Mr. GAYLOR's acquaintance about the last of January; at the first interview Mr. JUDSON's name was mentioned; I showed Mr. GAYLOR the memorandum I had kept; I had taken a memorandum up to the last part of January; I did not remember the first day when I discovered it in July to Mr. JUDSON; I mentioned it to one other carrier; the first time taken off was about the middle of July; I took it until I found everything running correctly; I made a memorandum of these entries on the day of the date of my book; almost immediately from my state, I asked Mr. JUDSON, how much do I owe you, and then I looked it up in my memorandum book; I made it up; I had no reason to think that Mr. JUDSON called on the carriers' account from improper motives; this calling on us for the purpose that the amount of mail matter may be made up; the book is always open to the carriers; different persons have called it off on the night in question; Mr. JUDSON was there; I was volunteered to do so; there was nothing strange in his doing it; Mr. GAYLOR did not speak of any other case to me at the time; I don't know who opened the conversation with Mr. GAYLOR; Mr. BOOTH introduced me to Mr. GAYLOR in BOOTH's office in Myrtle-avenue, his place of business; a day or two before; I had a conversation with Mr. BOOTH; at the introduction Mr. GAYLOR told me who he was; he asked me if I knew about the opening of the letter; I told him I had opened them; he read it and told me to keep it and to keep on with a memorandum; I have always made A correct return of letters; I will not swear I could not make a mistake; I always made the time by my watch; I do not know whether the stamp clerks came for letters; there is not the general system of checks in the office; when I next saw Mr. GAYLOR I was called into the office and he asked me if I had them; I told him I had. Mr. DEBOSIER, of counsel, for the defense.

WILLIAM F. WILDE, sworn—I receive my letters from the distribution clerk, Mr. MAYER, and other regular sources; the letters in question never came to me; I do not know how much money was charged against me on Mr. JUDSON's book; during the month of January I returned all the money I received, with a trifling exception; I made a memorandum of it; I paid the money always to Mr. JUDSON; I never examined his books.

Cross-examined—I never kept a memorandum; I know only from recollection; I had no memorandum of the amount of them; the first time I had of the correctness of JUDSON's accounts being questioned was on the first day of the examination.

Mr. DONOHUE, of counsel, for the Post Office; have been employed as carrier over three years; I can tell how many months? I was charged with one July so, by reckoning backwards; (the witness here stated the manner in which he was charged, etc.) I can only tell by recollection; I know that I returned to him the money of July; all I can remember is that the money charged to me was less than $1 each; that is all the information I can give; I have been in the habit of keeping a memorandum; I have been in the habit of comparing with the book; I made the copy myself; the original is destroyed.

By the Commissioner—It is six months ago that I saw the original; I was copying it; I don't know what I did with the original.

By the Commissioner—If I had made a mistake I would send it from the post-office as long as I could; I believe it to be true; I would send it from the post-office, not from my residence; I did not return this letter in the month of July on which money was paid; I recollect Jan. 31; don't recollect if any money was paid; I don't recollect any money; I don't recollect any money returned; I was not questioned by Mr. GAYLOR on that day.

ISAAC E. BEEN, sworn—Am a clerk in Brooklyn Post Office; on the 31st of January I was charged with 41 cents; I returned on that day $1 47 to Mr. JUDSON.

Cross-examined—Don't remember exactly the week the 31st came on; I carried out 150 to 175 letters that day; I divide my letters into two parts, one of which I carried out, the other I delivered; I was called up by Mr. GAYLOR on the 1st of February; those entries remain about the fourth day; to particular rule about how long I keep my memorandum; I think that I returned the $1 47; I am willing to swear that I returned $1 47 on that day; I see the carrier's book in Mr. JUDSON's book; the correspondence of my state with the carrier's book; I compared it; Mr. MAYER; I know that $1 47 was returned by comparing the entry on my slate with the book.

THE ERIE TRIALS.

Continuation of the Susquehanna Railroad War—Mr. Ramsey in Contempt—A Referee Appointed to Decide How Much He is So.

In the Supreme Court Chambers, before Judge BARNARD, yesterday, the Susquehanna Railroad war was continued. In the case of the Erie Railway Company vs. RAMSEY et al., a motion was made to have Mr. RAMSEY declared to be in contempt for proceeding with his suit against the Erie Company in defiance of the injunction issued in this suit last December.

Mr. FIELD, for the motion, moved that Mr. RAMSEY be declared to be in contempt, and that an order of reference be made to ascertain what damages the plaintiffs have sustained in consequence of the disobedience of the injunction.

In reply Mr. FRICKNAM read affidavits to the effect that the Erie Company had itself proceeded in the suit, and that Mr. RAMSEY had acted in good faith, relying on the decision of the Court in the case of SCHELL vs. The Erie Railway Company.

Mr. FIELD contended that the Company had done nothing in the suit except as they were forced to do by the defendants. They could not wait and suffer themselves to be torn limb from limb without making proper efforts in self-defense. In regard to the decision now claimed, that the Supreme Court in one district could not enjoin an action in another district, it was enough to say that in Rochester the defendant, RAMSEY, had, in one suit, procured the injunctions of, as he claimed, thirty-six proceedings, but, as they claimed, of twenty-seven, none of which were in the Western District.

Mr. FRICKNAM, replying to Mr. FIELD, made a statement of the different steps which had been taken in the proceedings. The injunction, he said, was originally issued by his Honor *ex parte*, and it was afterwards thought that it was such a one as should not be continued without argument. Argument was had, however, on the 9th of December last, and his Honor then stated that the ground of the injunction was the relations of one of the counsel. To avoid that, they had shown that that counsel had no further connection with the suit. Mr. FORTER said he had applied for a postponement of the motion to March 3. That motion had been granted, but at his request the order had been entered with an order fixed for an entirely different day.

Judge FORTER contended that the injunction was improvidently granted, and should not be continued, because, first, it rests upon mere information and belief; second, the complaint stated no cause of action to support an injunction; third, this is a suit in equity in this district to restrain further proceedings in a suit in equity pending in another district, and upon a state of facts on which no such action can be sustained; and, fourth, an injunction should not be continued in the case where the Terms of Court should decided that such an injunction is "absolutely void," and "that anybody might lawfully disregard it." (Schell vs. The Erie Railway Company, 61 Barbour, pp. 366, 370.) Mr. FORTER said he had applied for a postponement of this motion on March 3. That motion had been granted, but to his surprise the counsel had presented him with an order fixed for an entirely different day. On that day he had come in and his Honor had directed an order of reference as to the issues; it was then understood that the whole matter was to come over on the motion to be made in the reference. He had seen no referee's report, and had heard nothing in regard to the matter. Mr. RAMSEY had shown that he relied on the decision of the General Term in the case of SCHELL vs. The Erie Railroad Company, "that a suit in equity in one district could not be restrained by an injunction in another district. That was the law of this judicial district, made by its General Term. His Honor Judge BARNARD had been one of the Judges concurring in that decision, and his assent was necessary to the making of that decision." Mr. RAMSEY had acted in reliance on it. His Honor had himself intimated at the last hearing of this proceeding that his (Ramsey's) contempt was merely technical. As to the Rochester decision, that was distinguishable from the other case in this, that it was a final judgment, but it was the law of the Sixth District, if it were more. The other cases cited and his own decisions were moving in this proceeding directly contrary to that injunction.

Mr. FIELD replied that the decision was not correctly stated, and that the Rochester decision was later than the one cited. That the decision of the Seventh District proposed to "tie up injunctions in the First, Second, Third and Fifth Districts."

Counsel said there was very good reason why the reference ordered as to another person (D. B. EATON, Esq.) had not been proceeded with.

Mr. FIELD said the other side had placed them in this position by their delay.

Judge BARNARD interrupted Mr. FIELD by saying: "Draw up the order appointing Mr. WILLARD BARTLETT a referee, serve a copy on the other side, and it will be settled the next morning."

Mr. FIELD said he had drawn the order, which he read. It declared that Mr. RAMSEY had been guilty; Judge BARNARD struck out the word "willful" and then signed the order as drawn by Mr. FIELD. The case will come up again on the 24 of March.

Mr. Hosea B. Perkins' Remarks at Grammar School No. 11.

The following is the address of Mr. HOSEA B. PERKINS on the occasion of the presentation of the Kelly medal at Grammar School No. 11, in Seventeenth-street, near Eighth-avenue, to which he made reference yesterday:

Mr. PRESIDENT: I am at a loss to know why I am here. I cannot imagine that it is for my pleasant face, knowing as I do that he has many of the gallantry of modern times than myself. His gallantry, however, is of that modest and unpretending character that ever attaches itself to real merit, and sooner or later wins for its possessor its just reward. Gallantry may be the product of the mercurial nature, in the prime of ages, become dim; the laurel that entwines the brow of the soldier may fade and wither, but the merits and virtues of the public benefactor rest upon a solid basis and endure forever. I congratulate you, my young friend, that you have entered into a system which, in our splendid system of education, its influence is felt not only in our great cities and populous towns, but in our quiet villages that lie embosomed amid the "leafy drapery of our Western forests." The time that you have passed in this school has not been spent in vain. The intellectual culture that you have received within these walls, will not only be a "passport to society and a protection against insult," but it will buoy you up and sustain you through all the vicissitudes of life; it will bring out in "strong and bold relief" all the nobler and better attributes of your character, and throw around light the gorgeous colors of the rainbow, and point you in words of encouragement to the "bright beyond." You, my young friend, who are standing, as it were, upon the very threshold of life, and are as yet innocent of its trials and tribulations, and have thus far existed only amid music, poetry and Summer flowers, permit me to say that these unalloyed pleasures cannot always exist; and you will perhaps find too soon that life has its trials, disappointments and regrets. When time has wrought with you many changes, and your sunny locks are silvered o'er with the hoar frost of age, you will then, perchance, remember with pleasure this happy event—this spot of azure, it may be, in a clouded sky. I might extend my remarks, and extol your virtues and your merits, but it is not in accordance with modest, and the noble motto, "To be and not to seem," inscribed upon it, more suggestive than the finest utterance of the orator; does it not adequately bespeak your energy, your industry and your moral worth? It tells of days and nights of untiring toil and study, of a lofty ambition, of a noble mind, of a sympathetic heart, and of Bellevue Hospital, by understanding it, greeting favorably, though they are in a very critical condition.

The Latest Swindle—Stolen Goods on False Checks.

A new scheme for defrauding merchants has just been exposed by HAGNEY BROTHERS, doing business at No. 12 Platt-street. It appears that the latter were visited on Monday last by a man giving his name as E. J. BLANCHFIELD, and that they sold him $5 worth of goods. He afterwards found it important to be in school on the Ocean National Bank for $97 50, signed by W. R. RUSSELL, in payment for his purchases, and was handed $92 50 in change. He then left the store, taking the goods with him. On giving the check in at the bank it was pronounced worthless, the officers declaring that there was no money deposited there to the credit of W. R. RUSSELL. The Police are now searching for the offender.

A Reform of the Tariff Demanded—Call for a Public Meeting.

The following call for a public meeting of those in favor of a reform of the Tariff has been issued:

We, the undersigned, who are opposed to the present unjust and intolerable tariff legislation of the country, and who favor a strictly revenue measure, respectfully invite our fellow-citizens to assemble in the hall of the Open Board of Brokers, No. 16 Broad-street, (two doors south of the Stock Exchange,) on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 4 P. M. The object of the meeting is to devise means for the acceleration of the movement for a reform of the Tariff.

Brown Bros. & Co., Grinnell, Minturn & Co., Charles H. Marshall & Co., John S. Williams, William C. Bryant, Charles Nordhoff, Aymar & Co., Francis Cotzhausen, R. C. Ferguson, Henry Grinnell, Bayley & Livingston, Snow & Dunham, Taylor, Anderson & Co., Lawrence, Giles & Co., Wetmore, Cryder & Co., Boyd & Hincken, David Dows & Co., V. H. Newman & Co., Archibald Baxter, Woodward & Robinson, E. R. Morgans' Sons, Dodd & Co., Jones & Whitlock, Robinson & Cox, Underwood & Co., Burdett Bennis & Co., Griffith & Co., S. W. Carey, J. Walter Wood, F. Victor & Achelis, Robert Sleeman & Co., Duncan & Co., Jackson & Co., Arnold, Constable & Co., Jackson & Co., Isaac H. Bailey, Mellon Bros., Adam Post, Buckingham & Co., G. W. Wood, Wm. Wood & Co., Leon & Co., Wm. Sparrow, Dodge & Co., Henry Clews & Co., Wm. Campbell & Co., John J. Cisco & Co., A. Donald & Co., Stone, Nichols & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Dennistoun, Wetteldt & Co., Bankard & Hutton, Samuel McLean & Co., Townsend & Montant, Wm. Lottimer & Co., Fred. Butterfield, Jacques & Co., H. Hemequin & Co., Willmerdings & Mount, Tappan, Clark & Co., Passavant & Co., Booth, Webster & Co., G. Buckingham, F. Donald & Co., Isaac Campbell & Co., Wm. Barstow & Sons, Lord & Taylor, Cochran, McLean & Co., Richard Irvin, and many others.

A NEW RELIGION.

A Curious Case before Surrogate Hutchings—Bequest to the Cooper Union.

RICHARD DEVINNE ADDINGTON was an insurance agent, and during his life accumulated a little money. In April last he made a will, in which he directed all his money, after paying his debts, and the indispensable expenses of burying him at Norfolk, "without mutilation for French vultures, under the charge of a proper person, who shall avoid all attempt at display with the body, as opposed to my Christian faith," to the Cooper Union. He declared his intention to be "to cut off from all persons connected with me (him) by marriage, birth or other relationship, the smallest and possible chance of participating in any kind of property claimed by me."

An infant nephew, WILLIAM WEED ADDINGTON, contests this will on the ground that his uncle was not, when making it, of sufficiently sane mind to dispose of his property. It appears from the testimony that the will was properly executed, that the testator was in earlier life a shrewd business man and quite an energetic agent, but that three or four years before his death and after some disappointments with regard to a woman, his mind took a peculiar religious turn, of which one result was a book which, except text to Unitarian doctrines, recalls some of the Quietistic doctrines of two centuries ago. The book in its turn has other subsequents of self and a belief in an immediate communication with the Deity.

Mr. ROGERS, the principal witness examined for the opponent, gives quite clearly his later opinions. Mr. ROGERS became acquainted with him in consequence of Mr. ADDINGTON's coming to the office occupied by himself and a Mr. NEMOS to consult the latter in relation to law business. He then wished to insure Mr. ROGERS' life, and, Mr. ROGERS says, was quite convincing, though Mr. ROGERS argued on the side of insurance. Mr. ROGERS understood that shortly before he had married a lady; and had turned his attention to religious subjects. A year later he said his mind was in such a state he could pay no attention to business. In 1858 he went south for his health, and returned in 1859. On his return Mr. NEMOS, his counsel, and the witness went to his room to pay a bill, and he conversed about it with them. The deponent told them that a ray of light struck him, penetrated his skull and entered his brain, and from that moment he became a component part of God himself, his mortality entirely ceased and he himself was in the same state that Elijah was when he went to heaven. His rule of conduct was governed by God himself; his spiritual wants were dictated by God; the very food he ate was dictated; if a waiter came and had two or three kinds of meat, he clasped his hands and asked direction and received an answer. He had no appetite; if he did, he got no answer he would go hungry, but latterly there had been no such trouble. He mentioned that once, when asked by a waiter a second time what meat he would have, before he had a chance to ask direction, he knocked the waiter down, and when witness remonstrated, the deponent said, "God knocked the waiter down, I myself." He regarded it as sinful to disclose the amount of money he had already accumulated, and must be guided by God in its distribution. His collection or payment of money depended on the same direction. His view of the Biblical inspiration was, that in obtaining his handing house, he found the Bible spoke of "two witnesses," and as two persons advising the change, he made it. His relation to God, in spiritual things, was of the same nature as Paul's, whose relation was the same as Christ's. He having received a revelation, Paul was to pay attention to spiritual things. In writing his book he submitted each chapter to God, and, interfined and corrected it under that dictation. Latter he felt it sinful to talk with women, as they were deceitful, thoughtless, and sinful to talk of or have business pursuits.

The case is not yet decided.

COAL

Showing Intelligence for Collectors—The Present Low Prices to be Maintained Through the Season—Statistics of Supply—Effect of the "Long Strike."

Contrary to general expectation last Fall, the price of coal has kept at very low figures during the Winter thus far, and there is a fair prospect of a still further decline, though the rate at which it is now sold in this market is about as low as it can be mined and transported for, and pay a very moderate profit to the producers. Fortunately for consumers, the Winter has been open, permitting the rapid transportation of the coal as fast as it is received, and thus bringing a supply to market which was rather more than was required to meet the public demand. The policy pursued by the majority of consumers last Fall, of purchasing by the ton only as it was required for use, instead of laying in the Winter's supply, has aided materially in bringing about the present very satisfactory state of affairs. The "long strike" last Summer, which it was expected would result in putting the price up and maintaining it at a high rate during the Winter, has had the contrary effect. The miners remained idle as long as they could, and finally, when compelled or persuaded to resume work, had to labor earnestly in order to make up for the time which they suffered themselves to lose. Consequently they worked steadily at work during the Winter, and turned out the coal without regard to the price which it was bringing in the market.

WILL THERE BE ANOTHER STRIKE?

With respect to the future course of the miners, there is some degree of speculation. The combination still exists in the mining regions, and in some sections, particularly in the Lehigh and Schuylkill districts, the miners are reported to be determined that the terms of the remaining sections the most seem to consider that they have had enough of idling, and if a proper policy is pursued by the owners of the mines, another effort of the combination to strike will be unsuccessful. The principal complaint they make is that they will not make any request for a change in the mining rates, but that the rates are fixed by the companies, and that they must stand firm it is believed that there will be no repetition of the trouble of last Summer.

PROSPECTS FOR THE PRESENT SEASON.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company produced last year an aggregate of 1,544,[illegible] tons of coal, which was 126,000 tons less than the year previous, owing to the four months' interruption by the strike. The Company are opening new collieries and extending the works so that this year they expect to mine 1,800,000 tons. The Avondale Mine will be opened for work about the 1st of April, and it is perhaps unnecessary to say that precautions have been taken which will prevent such terrible disasters as that of last January. The Company, for the week ending on the 4th inst., shipped and brought to market 12,[illegible] tons, which is an increase over the production to the same period last year, and forms a basis of calculation as to the increased supply for 1860. This company being their own by rail to Elizabethport, N. J. The wholesale price now ranges from $6 to $6 50 for chestnut to $4 25@4 50 for stove. The regular monthly sale of Scranton coal by this Company, which will take place on the 20th, may change these figures somewhat, and possibly lower rates will be obtained, as the market is extremely dull at present, and nearly one cent a pound cheaper than it is necessary for consumption. Retail dealers usually add fifty cents to the above prices for freight to the dock and $1 for carting and yard expenses, at which rates they make a fair profit. This would make a fair retail price for Scranton coal of $6 50 for chestnut, and $6 50@$6 50 for stove. Lehigh coal ranges from $5 to $5 25 at Port Johnson and Williamsport, $5 75 to $6 25 at Hoboken. Retailers now demand from $7 to $7 50 for the harder grades of coal.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company produced, last year, 1,626,000 tons of coal, which, owing to the "long strike," was less than the production of 1858, which was 1,850,000 tons. Thus far this year there have been mined 80,000 tons, and it is expected that the supply this year will reach 2,000,000 tons. The canal, by which the bulk of the coal mined by this Company is transported, was closed on the 16th of December, and will be opened again about the 1st of April. During the interval the Company transport by the Erie road to Weehawken sufficient to supply current orders. The officers of the Company express the opinion that the present low prices will prevail through the season. The miners are now making larger profits than the Company, but when the canal opens the latter will enjoy the luxury of making a fair profit as well.

The Pennsylvania Coal Company sent to market last year by rail 247,[illegible] and by canal 10,707 tons. In 1859 there were sent 224,840, and by canal 10,[illegible] tons—an increase in 1860 of 12,762 tons. This year, up to Feb. 12, there have been sent forward by rail 108,128 tons—an increase over the same period in 1860 of 9,[illegible] tons. It is expected that the production of this year will reach 320,000 tons. The officers of this Company complain of the dullness of the market, but a heavy snow storm or a cold snap will have a tendency to stiffen prices somewhat. It is thought that at the opening of the river to Newburg the price will be as low as at any time during the Summer. The Company is now selling, at wholesale, at New-York, stove size at $6 50@$6 75. This coal retails at the yards for $8 [illegible] and egg, $8 50 for stove, and $8 50 for chestnut.

The Lackawanna coal mined by the Delaware and Lackawanna Canal Company is sold by the cargo at Lackawaxen, for $4 50 for grate, $5 for egg, $5 25 for stove and $5 50 for chestnut.

This exhibits is very encouraging to consumers, who have for several years past paid all the way from $6 50 to $11 50 for coal, and they will have reason to rejoice at the prospect of a liberal supply of coal for the coming season at prices which will place it within the reach of every one except the very poor.

THE RELAPSING FEVER.

The Board of Health Secures Ample Hospital Accommodations—The Disease Steadily Abating.

The difficulties of the Board of Health in dealing with the relapsing fever, were fully stated yesterday in giving the proceedings of the Board at the secret session held to consider the subject. The subject of hospital accommodation for the patients who could not be received in Bellevue Hospital, was referred to the Sanitary Committee to investigate whether, in order to raise funds to care for the sick, it would be necessary to issue a proclamation declaring the disease to exist in the form of a pestilence. This course was greatly deprecated by the Board, as it would unnecessarily alarm the City, and has been happily avoided by the exertions of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, who yesterday placed suitable buildings on Hart's Island at the disposal of the Board of Health, to be used for relapsing fever patients. In addition, the Board has secured a number of vacant houses in 20 Worth-street, where cases can be received and properly cared for until they can be safely removed to the more distant hospital, for permanent use.

The whole question at issue has been one of money, and the virulence or generality of the disease has not been in the least implied by the recent proceedings of the Board. The victims of fever have been principally the humanest of the lower poor, who become public charges from the moment of sickness. The appropriations for the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, and of the Board of Health, did not contemplate this additional charge, small as it is, and both were inconvenienced by it; the former being forced to fall further behind the provision of law giving power to borrow money to meet exigency, and hence would have been forced to declare that the exigency exists, had not the arrangements made yesterday been perfected. As a matter of fact, the disease is now steadily decreasing, and yet cases have yet been met that did not readily yield to treatment if taken in its incipient stages.

Chess—Dr. White vs. F. Fortes.

The subjoined well-contested game occurred yesterday evening in the Brooklyn Chess Club Tourney between the above mentioned players:

SICILIAN DEFENCE.

DR. WHITE. White.	FORTES. Black.
1. P to K 4	P to Q B 4
2. Kt to B 3	P to K 3
3. B to Q B 4	Kt to Q B 3
4. P to Q B 3 (a)	P to Q 4
5. P x P	P x P
6. Q to K 2 ch.	B to K 2
7. B to Q Kt 3	P to K 5
8. Castles	P to B 4
9. B x Kt	P x B
10. Kt to K 4	P to K Kt 4
11. P to Q 4	Q to Q 3
12. B to K 3	P to Q R 4
13. B to K 2	P to Q R 5
14. P to K B 4	P to K Kt 4
15. Kt to K B 3	P x P
16. P x P	P x P
17. Kt to Q 2	Kt to B 4
18. B x B	Q x B
19. Kt to K 4	Q to Q 3
20. Q to Q 2	P to Q Kt 4
21. P to Q Kt 3	P to K Kt 5
22. P x P ch.	P x P ch.
23. K to R sq.	B takes Kt
24. P x B	P to Q 6
25. P x P	P to Q 7
26. Q to Q 3	P takes R (R) ch.
27. K x P	Q takes Kt
28. Q to Q 8 ch.	K to Kt 2
29. Q to Q 7 ch.	K to B 3
30. Q x Q R P	Q to Q 8 ch.
31. K to Kt 2	Q x Q
32. P x Q	R to Q Kt 2
33. R to Q Kt sq.	R to Q Kt 6
34. R x R	R x R
35. R to K B 3	R to K 7
36. R to K Kt 3	R to K 8 ch.
37. K to Kt sq.	R to K 7
38. R to K Kt 3 (c)	R to K Kt 8
39. R to K 3	R to K 7
40. R to K Kt 3	R to K Kt 8
41. R to K 3	R to K 7
42. R to K Kt 3	R to K Kt 8
43. R to K 3	R to K 7
And Black wins.	

NOTES.

(a) An over cautious move, by which white's Q Kt was cut off a long time.

(b) With the object of advancing pawn to B 4, and also to prevent Kt from capturing P at K 4.

(c) Well played by Dr. White; with R to B 4, white was the exchange, and Kt has a better game than where he did. Kt checks and can escape Kt for R.

(d) "Revenge is not sweet."

(e) It is obvious that if white, instead of this move had played R to Q 3, the game would have been saved.

(f) He should have played R to K 4, by which move he might have drawn the game.

N. B. After the termination of the game it was ascertained by the contestants that white, on the fourth move, instead of P to K 4, should have played R to Q Kt 3. As the variations consequent thereon are too long to give, we leave it to the superior judgment of amateurs, whether black would have won by that line of play.

The American Institute Election.

Some additional statistical information with regard to the late election of officers for the American Institute, may not be devoid of interest. There were, it appears, no less than seven different tickets in the field. All the tickets, however, had seventy-five per cent. of the names on. The whole number of votes cast was 481, distributed as follows: Red ticket, 218; straight ticket, 107; total, 325. Other tickets (black), 62; other tickets, scratched, 64; total votes of all the other tickets, 126.

There was, however, no uniformity in the scratching of the candidates for the most important offices:

For President—Horace Greeley received 422 votes; E. A. P. Barnard, 3; J. Chambers, 1; E. Sabbit, 1; N. C. Ely, 1.

For Vice-Presidents—William Hall, 311; C. P. Daly, 421; N. C. Ely, 421; D. S. Gregory, 114; J. B. Rich, 1.

For Recording Secretary—G. Peyton, 220; J. V. C. Smith, 37; C. W. Shull, 64.

For Corresponding Secretary—S. D. Tillman, 404; S. E. Todd, 27.

For Managers of the Fair, the following received the largest votes: W. Butler, 431; G. Tiesson, 429; Knight, 420; F. Smith, 421; J. G. Harriott, 420.

The remaining members received from 300 to 420 votes. The statistics for the different Committees have not yet been made out.

The Coming Arion Ball.

The Arion masquerade promises this year to be a more than usually pleasant affair. The ball commences at 9 o'clock to-morrow evening, with an overture by the grand orchestra, after which Prince Carnival escorted by the Lobby Committee in the costume of pages of MARIA ANTOINETTE, ascends the pedestal, at which time the curtain rises. He enters the gorgeous hall, built in the "renaissance" style. The Floor Committee in the costume of chevaliers of LOUIS XIV., take position in double file on each side of the stage. In the recesses are two grand groupes representing reaction and progress, the one consisting of the assemblage of the Ecumenical Council, the Pope, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Prelates and Priests, the other consisting of all nationalities of peoples, bound together by the chain of art of the great work of commercial achievement, the "Pacific Railroad." The locomotive is transformed into a "triumphal car," on which Columbia is seated. She is received by Prince Carnival, who accompanies her to the throne. The Pope now approaching, bows before the Prince and requests a private interview, which application is denied; while Humboldt, as the representative of intellectual progress, is welcomed by the proffer to share with him the honors of the throne. Prince Carnival and Columbia descend from the throne and open the ball by commanding the polonaise, when all masks will be admitted to the floor and join in the procession. Supper will be served from 10 P. M. till the close of the ball.

The Voorhees Murder in Brooklyn.

Dr. A. W. SHEPARD made a post-mortem examination of the remains of DOMINICUS S. VOORHEES yesterday at his late residence. He was assisted by Drs. COCHRANE and JONES. The ball was discovered as has been already described, but the proper description of the case is withheld for the present. A jury was impanelled who viewed the body, and the inquest will be commenced this evening at the Coroner's office. The funeral of the late Mr. VOORHEES will take place from his residence, No. 195 President-street, at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

CITY AND TRUMBULL AND SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Ingraham, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
1065—Brink vs. Republic Fire Ins. Co.	1321—Bishop vs. Rich.
1267—Brink vs. Hanover Fire Ins. Co.	1271—Hembury, by guardian, vs. The N. Y. C. R. R. Co.
1231—Davis vs. Norwich and New-York Trans. Co.	1328—Mammoth Vein Coal Co. vs. Wills.
1277—Kerr vs. Kerr.	1329—Blanchard vs. Brown Co.
1287—Hirsee vs. Tousey.	1330—Hastings vs. Murray.
1247—Kirconnan vs. Lodwick.	2001—Storey vs. Farmers' Trust Co., Sup. Court, N. Y.
370—Baker vs. Clark.	1278—Nat. B'k of the Commonwealth vs. Thick.
1426—Morey vs. Lillenthal.	1281—Beecher vs. Hoe.
1231—Brooklyn Dryerood Co. vs. Spangler.	1287—

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 15, 1870.

FIRST BOARD—10½ A. M.

$5,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '65	114½	$20,000 N.Y. Cen. & H. R. Cl'g	93½
12,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new	113	300 Pac. Mail	21½
2,000 U.S. 5-20 C. '65	113	100 do	21½
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65	114½	100 do b. cash	21½
6,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65	114½	100 Cumberland Coal	24½
20,000 do	113½	100 Wells Farg. Ex.	38
1,000 Tenn. 6s, ex c.	78	100 Adams Ex. b. c.	93½
1,000 Tenn. 6s, ex c.	78½	100 do	93½
10,000 do	78½	100 do	93½
10,000 do	78½	100 do b. cash	93½
10,000 Va. 6s, ex c.	62½	200 N.Y. Cen. & H. R.	97½
10,000 do	62½	100 do	97½
5,000 N. C. 6s, ex c.	40	100 do b. cash	97½
5,000 Ga. 6s, ex c.	90	200 Harlem	137½
3,000 S. C. Gen. 6s, ex c.	70½	200 Reading	93½
2,000 do	70½	100 do	93½
10,000 do	70½	100 do	93½
7,000 do	70½	100 do b. cash	93½
1,000 N.Y. C. R.R.	103½	100 L. S. & M. S. R.	84½
3,000 Com. Cl'g	100	100 do	84½
5,000 Ala. 5s, ex c.	94½	200 do b. cash	84½
1,000 Erie 2d M.	90	100 do	84½
2,000 M. So. & E. Ext.	105	100 do	84½
1,000 Ill. Cent. Scrip	95	100 Ill. Cent. b. c.	94
1,000 do	95	200 Clev. & Pitts.	91
5,000 Cen. P. 6s, Gold	90	100 do	91
1,000 do	90½	100 do b. c. b.	91½
2,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st M.	93	100 do	91½
Convert. Bds.	77½	400 Chi. & N.W. Pf.	81½
3,000 Tol. & W. 1st M.	93	100 do	81½
1,000 do	93	100 N.Y. & Har.	200
3,000 Mor. & Ess. 1st M.	90	100 Chi. & R. I. R.	102½
1,000 Pitts., Ft. W. & Chi. 1st M.	91½	100 do b. cash	102½
1,000 do	91½	200 Mil. & St. Paul Pf.	41
5,000 do	91½	100 do	41
1,000 O. & M. Con.	50	100 Tol., W. & W.	47
2,000 do	50	100 do	47
2,000 Gl. West. 2d M.	78	50 Ala. & T. H.	32½
2,000 Ill. C. L. Bds	84½	100 do	32½
5,000 Chi. C. & I. C. 1st M.	79	100 do	32½
20,000 do	80	200 Chic. & Alt.	116
10,000 do	80	100 do	116½
3,000 Col. C. & Ind. C. 1st M.	80	100 Ohio & Miss.	32½
20 Phenix Bank	107	110 Morris & Essex	98½
25 Bull Head Bank	105½	100 do	98½
45 Fourth N. Bank	105½	100 do	98½
10 Man. & Mer. Bk.	100	50 N.Y. & N.H. Stmp	140
5 Contin'tal Bk.	86½	100 Pac. R. & E.	94
25 Canton Co.	35	25 Dub. & S. C. R.	103½
200 Quick. Mountain	15½	100 do	103½
70 do	14½	200 Col. C. & Ind. C. R.	28½
100 Man. Pf.	28½	100 do	28½
200 do	28½	100 do	28½
100 Mil. & Cal. R.	74½	14 C. C. & Ind. R.	74½
48 Del., L. & W.	138½		

SECOND BOARD—12 M. AND 2 P. M.

$10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '65	114	$10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '65	114½
5,000 do	113	5,000 U.S. 10-40 C.	112½
10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '65	114½	20,000 do	112½
1,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '64	114½	10,000 U.S. 5-20 C. '65	114½
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	114½	20,000 do	113½
10,000 do	114½	60,000 do	113½
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new	113½	20,000 do	113½
7,000 do	113½	20,000 U.S. 5s, 10-40 R.	104
4,000 do	113½	20,000 U.S. 6s, Cur. R.	111½

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$12,000 Tenn. 6s, ex c.	78½	$40,000 N.Y. C. & H. R. Cl'g	93½
4,000 Tenn. 6s, ex c.	78½	5,000 do	93½
10,000 N. C. 6s, ex c.	37½	100 W. T. C. & H. R.	94
10,000 N. C. 6s, ex c.	38½	100 do b. cash	94
10,000 La. 6s Lev. Bds.	75	100 do b. cash	97½
7,000 Mo. 6s, ex c.	81½	100 Rens. & Saratoga	100
4,000 Cal. C. & Ind. C. 1st M.	80½	300 Harlem	137½
2,000 do	80½	200 Reading	93½
2,000 Col. C. & Ind. C. 1st M.	80½	100 L. S. & M. S. R.	84½
4,000 Clev. & Pitts. 1st M.	91	200 Mich. Cent.	91½
bot. cash	91	200 Reading	93½
100 Cum. C. Pf.	28	100 do	93½
100 do	28	200 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	41½
100 do b. cash	28	100 do	41½
100 Mariposa Pf.	35½	100 P., Ft. W. & Chi.	91
100 do	35½	100 do	91
100 do b. cash	35½	100 Chi. & Alt.	116½
100 Mariposa Mining	25	100 N. J. Junction	85½
200 Wells Far. Ex.	38	10 Co. Chi. & L.S.	105½
100 do	38½	11 Morris & Essex	98½
100 Pacific M. bot. c.	22½	100 Ohio & Miss.	32½
100 do b. c.	22½	100 Ohio & Miss. Pf.	63½
10 Del. & H. Canal	138	100 Col. C. & I. C. R.	28½

NEW NATIONAL BOARD—NOON.

$10,000 Amer. Gold	119½	100 Ohio & Miss.	32½
10,000 N. Y. C. & H. R. Scrip	93½	100 Chi. & N.W. Pf.	81½
40,000 do	93½	100 Chi. & N.W. Pf.	81½
100 Cumberland	24½	100 Rens. & Saratoga	100
100 do	24½	100 Erie R.	20½
100 Mariposa	22½	100 do	20½
100 Quitman	15½	100 Rens. R. & Exhib.	98
100 Pacific Mail	22½	100 do	98
200 Reading	93½	100 Cen. Gregory	52
400 do	93½	100 Canada Mid.	93
400 do	93½	100 do	93

TUESDAY, Feb. 15—P. M.

The leading Wall-street markets are all somewhat stiffer than on Monday. Gold advanced to 120@119⅞ ⅞ cent. Exchange on London and on Paris was a fraction higher; 109½ on London, 60 days; 5.18¾@5.17½ to the dollar on Paris. The eight rates on both are only at a difference of about ⅛ ⅞ cent., barely the 60 days' interest on the other side at the rate of 2½@3 ⅞ cent. per annum. There is a good offering of Merchant Cotton Bills on the market, and also of Southern Bank Bills. The Public Funds are nearly ½ ⅞ cent. better than yesterday; 1867s, 113½@114; 1862s, 115 ⅞ cent. The Cable quotations from London for all the 5-20s are also advanced ⅛@¼ ⅞ cent., and the private telegrams not only report a good demand, but great ease in the Money market at low rates of interest. The Washington telegrams referred this afternoon to the probability of the recognition of Cuban belligerency by the House of Representatives in the course of the week, and this rumor was acted upon to some extent in the Gold Room, the previous quotations being dull at 119¾@119⅞ ⅞ cent. Money continues easy to the Brokers at 5@6 ⅞ cent. on call. At Bank the rates are 6@7 ⅞ cent. on Merchant paper.

The fleet of European steamers due here, but delayed last week by bad weather at sea, are now discharging their cargoes, and the Customs duties yesterday and to-day amount to $1,539,000. The other steamers due this week are arriving on time, so that the activity at the Custom House is likely to be especially marked throughout the week.

On both sides the Atlantic the cheapness and free supply of Money are the marked features of the season, but this state of things is qualified by the fact that Money lenders are disposed to keep their balances within prompt control. This is especially so in Wall-street, while in London the employment for investment is mainly confined to Foreign Loans and Bonds, Russian and American being just now the favorites. A recent Russian Loan of $60,000,000 was distributed by the Messrs. ROTHSCHILD at 90 ⅞ cent. sterling for a 5 ⅞ cent. Stock. The applications were enormously in excess of the amount to be distributed, and the scrip advanced to 2½ ⅞ cent. premium before the awards were made public. Some London and Continental Money balances are being offered in this market on temporary employment, and where 7 ⅞ cent. can be had on good collateral, engagements are made for four months. It is reported that considerable gold has been taken out at this rate on Western Railway Stocks, to which circumstance part of the prevailing confidence in Rock Island, Northwestern, etc., is attributed. The market for these Stocks was unusually firm to-day, the activity of movement extending to Lake Shore and the St. Paul Stocks—the latter was quoted ex-dividend of 2½ ⅞ cent. yearly in cash and scrip, which were paid this morning. The New-York Central Stock and Scrip were steady. They had their rise from 90@92 to 95@98 ⅞ cent. in anticipation of the Western speculation, but as the latter is now comparatively well up with this advance, the chances are fair that another rise will soon be taken on the Vanderbilt lines. Their current business, both gross and net, sets aside from any sympathy with the general market, and the near approach of the April Dividend, would seem to justify increased confidence in higher prices. In regard to the North-west movement, nothing is known as to its origin, the only suspicion expressed on the Street being to the purport that the recent great success of the Rock Island party have either encouraged the same people, or induced some other party acting on this example, to take hold of Northwest in earnest for a large advance. The Street is equally at fault in regard to Lake Shore, the transactions in which to-day were unusually large.

The Miscellaneous list was higher by ⅛@¼ ⅞ cent. on Pacific Mail, which seems to have attracted new buyers. The Southern State Bonds were lower on Tennessees, but otherwise steady. The rapid bidding of Saturday for large sums of new Tennessees up to 52@54@55 ⅞ cent., brought out a free supply from parties who had held the Bonds for some time, awaiting the opportunity after seeing the price at one moment below 40 ⅞ cent., to get out.

After the late Boards the following quotations were made as compared with Monday night:

CLOSING QUOTATIONS, FEB. 15.

	Monday.	Tuesday.
United States 10-40s	112	112½
United States 5-20s of 1862	114½	115
United States 5-20s of 1867	113½	113⅞
American Gold Coin	119½	119⅞
Bills on London, 60 days	109¾	109¾
New Bonds of Tennessee	52½	55½
North Carolina Bonds, new	38½	39½
New-York Central and Hudson	97½	97¾
N. Y. C. & H. Debt Certificates	93½	93½
Reading Railroad	93½	93
Chicago and Rock Island	122½	122½
Northwestern Common	73¾	74½
Northwestern Preferred	90½	91¾
Pacific Mail Company	22½	23½
St. Paul Preferred	80½	80¾
St. Paul Common	74	74¾
Lake Shore	89½	89½
Erie	38¾	38¾
Ohio and Mississippi	30½	30¾
New-Jersey Central	96½	96½

*Ex-Dividend.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ⅞ cent. ex. coup.	108	15-20 coup., 1867	112½
6 ⅞ cent. coup., 1881	117½	5-20 coup., 1868	113½
5-20 coup., 1862	115	10-40 reg.	104½
5-20 coup., 1864	114½	10-40 coup.	112½
5-20 coup., 1865	114½	6s Currency	111½
5-20 coup., N. I., 1865	113½		

*Ex-dividend.

And the following for the State Bonds:

Tenn. 6s, ex coup.	80½	Alabama 5s	94
Virginia 6s, old bonds	62½	Ohio 6 ⅞ cent. '81	109
Virginia 6s, new bds.	62½	Ohio 5 ⅞ cent. '86	110
Georgia 6s	81½	Illinois coup. 6s, '79	100
Georgia 6s, new bds.	80	Illinois coup. 6s, '87	100
S. Carolina 6s, ex int.	66½	Illinois W'ks Loan	100
N. Carolina 6s, ex int.	38½	Illinois Canal bds.	70
N. Carolina 6s, new bds.	39	N. Y. Exc. Bds, 1st m.	102½
Missouri 6s	91½	N. Y. Exc. Bds, 2d m.	102½
Mo. 6s, H. & St. J. ext.	91½	N. Y. Exc. Bds, 3d m.	102½
Louisiana 6s, ex int.	52	N. Y. C. G. L. 7s	102
Louisiana 6s, new bds.	52	N. Y. C. G. L. 7s	102
California 7s	117	N. Y. C. G. L. 7s	102
Connecticut 6s	95	N. Y. C. G. L. 7s	102
Rhode Island 6s	98	N. Y. C. G. L. 7s	102

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83	99	Ill. Cent. 7s	99
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	99	Ill. Cent. 7s	99
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	97½	Ill. Cent. 7s	99
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Subsid'y	97½	Ill. Cent. 7s	99
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	100	Chic. R. I. & Pac.	99½
Erie 1st mort.	90	Chic. R. I. & Pac.	99½
Erie 2d mort.	77	Chic. R. I. & Pac.	99½
Erie 3d mort.	77	Chic. R. I. & Pac.	99½
Erie 4th mort.	70	Chic. R. I. & Pac.	99½
Erie 5th mort.	70	Chic. R. I. & Pac.	99½
Erie 7th mort.	70	Chic. R. I. & Pac.	99½
Erie 7th mort.	70	Chic. R. I. & Pac.	99½
Mich. Cen. 1st m. '82	121	Chic. & Alton 1st m.	90
Mich. S. & N. I. 1st	99	Chic. & Alton 2d m.	80
M. S. & N. I. S.F.	77	Ohio & Miss. Sinking F.	60
Pac. R. Sinking Fd.	99	Ohio & Miss. 1st m.	90
Cen. Pac. Bonds	92	Pacific R. Guar.	90
Union Pac. 1st Mortg.	90	Ill. C. & Dub. 1st m.	90
Union Pac. Land Gr.	84	Ill. C. & Dub. 2d m.	90
Alton & St. L. 1st mort.	90	Mil. & St. P. L. G. 1st m.	90
Chic. & N. W. 1st	90	Mil. & St. P. L. G. 2d m.	90
Chic. & N. W. Sink. F.	90	Mar. & Cin.	40
Han. & St. Jo. L. G.	90	Chic. & Mil.	90
Louis. & Nash. L. G.	90	Chic. & Mil.	90
Del., L. & West. 1st	90	Col., C. & Ind. 1st	90
Del., L. & West. 2d	90	N. Y. & N. H.	90
Del., L. & West. 7s	90	Del., Lack. & W.	90
Tol. & Wab. Equip. Bds.	77		

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	320	Bank of N. America	140
Manhattan	160	Hanover	105
Commerce	159	Irving	115
Union	137½	Metropolitan	160
America	144	Citizens'	120
City	250	Gallatin	110
Phenix	107	East River	100
North River	57	Blue and Leather	165
Tradesmen's	112	Corn Exchange	125
Mechanics'	160	Continental	115
Mechanics' & Traders'	125	Commercial	115
National	116½	New-York County	200
Merchants' Exchange	103	Importers & Traders'	140
Leather Manufr'rs	240	Park	165
State of New-York	105½	Mechanics' & Manufr'rs	60
Commerce	121	Central National	103
Mechanics' Bk'g Ass'n	51	Fourth National	105½
Ocean	95	Ninth National	100
Mercantile	100	Tenth National	100
American Exchange	112	Orient	100
Chatham	100	Gold Exchange	50
Bank of the Republic	116½	Shoe & Hide'r Bank	115

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 15, 1870.

General balance yesterday	$83,102,756 00
Gold receipts	687,992 39
Gold payments	75,895 26
Gold balance	76,920,249 15
Currency receipts	492,497 92
Currency payments	445,197 00
Currency balance	6,441,445 00
General balance	82,775,915 48
Customs	800,000 00

Messrs. UTLEY & DOUBENEY, No. 11 Wall-street, offer for sale $800,000 of the Rochester Water Works First Mortgage gold bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 6 ⅞ cent. per annum in gold. The bonds are of the denomination of $1,000 each, and are offered at 90 ⅞ cent. The entire property of the Water Works is mortgaged to the Union Trust Company as security for the loan.

The Pottsville *Miners' Journal* of the 19th inst. says of the coal trade:

"The quantity sent by Reading Railroad this week is 29,938.04 against 47,601 tons for the corresponding week last year. The Lehigh Valley road sent 47,622 against 29,078 tons, and the Delaware and Hudson Canal 18,128 tons against 14,388 tons last year. The trade continues very dull here, as the shipments indicate, and coal is sold at a very low figure. The few operators who continued work, regardless of the interests of others engaged in the trade, last Winter, asked the same point this Winter—namely, the Coal Association authorized all who desired to go to work, and the consequence is that coal pays no profit—the consumers are benefited, and those who expected to make a good deal of money during this and last Winter and their game pretty well blocked up the action of the Coal Association. It is said that every stock contains some black sheep in it, and the coal trade appears not to be exempt from such a mixture. The trade sums up this week as follows:

	1869.		1870.	
	Week.	Total.	Week.	Total.
P. & S. R. R.	47,601	287,115	29,938	48,771
L. Val. R. R.	29,078	224,261	47,622	291,224
N. Nav. R. R.	14,388	89,748	18,128	91,488
Schuylkill Nav.	12,000	120,000	15,370	120,000
Lehigh Nav.	8,822	48,721	14,303	69,241
Penn. R. R.	127,000	61,000	29,000	60,000
Phila. & Erie	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Tonnage	27,000	1,000	197	1,000
West Mil.	2,000	2,300	....	....
Mt. Carbon	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Williamson	2,000	1,000	1,000	12,750
Broad Top	4,000	20,000	1,000	....
Total	1,000,000	1,564,165	270,558	1,329,425
	770,000			2,174,207
	3,561			38,858

The mild weather for several weeks has commenced telling on the coal trade, and the supply has commenced declining. The miners have resumed work in the Broad Top region. The operators proposed reducing the price of coal from seventy cents per ton to fifty-five. They compromised on sixty cents a ton, making the reduction one instead of fifteen cents per ton. F. B. Gowen, President of the Reading Railroad, was in Pottsville this week, and, we learn, had a conference with a number of the coal operators with regard to fixing the price of coal and transportation. It is said, however, that if the operators and men could reduce the price of coal and wages below that of last year, the Company would also reduce the rate to a corresponding rate."

The weekly exports from the Port of Boston for the week ending Feb. 12, 1870, amounted to $2,247,402.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Jan. 31 remarks:

"We have had a continuance of wintry weather, with some intensity of frost, and the time is reported in France and the northern parts of Europe. It has, however, been very well welcomed as giving a salutary check to the young corn and swelling fruit buds, and enabling farmers to get on with their cattle, carting and other work. Editors of Wheat hopeful that the fine weather would last long enough to bring an increased inquiry for foreign stocks, but Privately gave indications that it would not. We fear, however, only just enough to one-third of the Winter yet, and we may have a long time to wait before the end comes that is desired. There has been no decided improvement in the corn trade, the tone generally being dull, but the week closed very heavily in Ireland, with a certain downward tendency. Again we notice a general falling off in the English delivered, as compared with last week, and the average is about, which may result either from shortened stocks or a determination on the part of the farmers of the general year, to wait, and so stop market. Of the arrival for the week, 14,000 quarters, leaving still some months to fill up, these seven, it furnished an the same country was, more than sufficient to demand, upon the previous surplus grades, means, to keep the stocks from accumulating, average price 10s. below the equal annual rate. Well-to-do farmers, who are now the principal holders of English, may very reasonably expect some improvement; and as they have no granary rent to pay, with an almost economy Only their samples will improve in condition and be more wanted by millers, they stand on a vantage ground not occupied by holders of foreign. In France, Belgium and some parts of Northern Germany, prices have somewhat improved but at Dantzic they have cheapened for inferior quality wheat, of which the bulk mainly consists. Should the frost only hold on for a month, it would certainly give a tone to the market, but no one can predict the future of Corn, are by no means sure either of an early or abundant harvest. What is against the accumulation of stock in New-York, the lake ports and Montreal, as also at Odessa. The arrivals of the coast since first January were nineteen cargoes, of which seven cargoes were Wheat, with Maize in the rest. The sales of Eastern as follows: Wheat, twenty-seven cargoes in all, viz: Calcutta, at 48s. 17½d.; Bombay, at 49s.; Marianopoli, 38s. 10½d.@38s. 4d.; Winter, via 17½d.; Yeni, 37s. 9½d.; Gulrka, 38s. 6½d.; 39s. 3d.; Tripoli, 38s.; hard Taganrog, 38s.; Maize, 30 do. at 32s. 1½d.@37s. 6d.; Rye, 1 do., 32s.; Beans, 1 do. at 35s.; Peas, 1 do. at 35s.; Barley, 2 do. at 32s. 7½d.; Millet, 1 do. at 30s. The sales of English Wheat noted last week were 56,400 quarters at 42s. 4d., against 76,870 quarters at 42s. 4d. in 1869. The London averages were 42s. 3d. on 2,512 quarters. The imports into the Kingdom for the week ending 30th January were 1,383,774 cwts. Wheat, and 337,424 cwts. Flour.

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COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1870.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkgs	14	Petroleum, Raf., bbls.	120
Cotton, bales	3,127	Do. Refined, bbls.	1,000
Cotton seed Oil, bbls.	10	Rosin, bbls.	1,300
Corn, bbls.	1,000	Spirits Turpentine, bbls.	1,000
Corn Oil, gals.	5,000	Tobacco, pkgs.	171
Dried Fruit, pkgs.	12	Cheese, pkgs.	1,000
Flour, bbls.	6,124	Butter, pkgs.	1,000
Grain, bush.	4,000	Tallow, pkgs.	1,000
Grain, bbls.	1,000	Wool, bales	1,000
Hops, bales	1,000	Whale Oil, bbls.	1,000
Hides, No.	1,000	Whale Oil, gals.	1,000
Leather, sides	7,000	Whale Bone, lbs.	1,000
Molasses, hhds.	1,000	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Molasses, bbls.	1,000	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Molasses, gals.	1,000	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, pkgs.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, bbls.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, bags.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, cases.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, tierces.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, boxes.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, kegs.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, tubs.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, pails.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, sacks.	100	Beef, (Cut), pkgs.	400
Oil Cake, barrels

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16, 1870.

Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st. and Irving-place.
FAUST. (Italian Opera.) Characters by Miss Kellogg, Mme. Lumley, Malaret, Lotti, Baridi, Bayne and others.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Houston-st.
HAMLET. Leading characters by Messrs. Charles Fechter, Shewell, Levick, and Miss Lockrop and Miss Jones.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
HAMLET. Leading characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Waller, Hamilton, Miss Blanche De Bar, and Miss Fanny Morant.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
HAMLET. Leading characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Davenport, Mapleby, and Miss Blanche Bradshaw, Miss Howitt, Mrs. Wright and Miss Gannon.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
8th-av., corner 23d-st.
TWELVE TEMPTATIONS. Leading characters by Mr. George C. Boniface, Miss Nally Pierce and Miss Postel.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
SCHOOL. Leading characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, Maclean, Gilbert, Miss Louise Moore and Miss Ella German.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near 5th-av.
ROU FROU. Leading characters by Messrs. Geo. Clarke, Davidge, Lewis, and Miss Agnes Ethel, Miss Fanny Davenport, and Mrs. Gilbert.

WOOD'S MUSEUM AND MENAGERIE.
Broadway, opposite 30th-st.
Afternoon—LALLA ROOKH. Evening—FAUST. Large collection of curiosities.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
BOB ROY, NIGHT OF THE WOODS. Leading character by Mr. Whalley.

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No. 730 Broadway.
LE PETIT FAUST, (Burlesque opera.) NEGRO MINSTRELSY.

HALL Y. M. CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
GRAND CONCERT. Artists—Mme. Anna Bishop, Miss C. V. Hutchings, Messrs. Jacoby and Morgan.

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Broadway, corner 28th-st.
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Advertisements for the WEEKLY TIMES must be handed in before 10 o'clock this evening.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

In the British House of Commons, last night, Mr. GLADSTONE introduced a Land Reform bill for Ireland, and made a long speech, in which he reviewed the history of the land question in Ireland....A dispatch from Rome says the Armenians have decided not to recognize the authority of the Patriarch, because he is too feeble to oppose the encroachments of the Pope....The Duke of MONTEMARONA is in Madrid and in intimate communication with General PRIM....Russia has peremptorily demanded of the Swiss Government the surrender of a felon who took refuge in Switzerland some time ago. There being no extradition treaty between the countries, the Swiss Government will deliberate upon the matter.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, a communication relative to the acquisition of sites for national coast defences was received from the War Secretary and referred. Information was ordered as to the past and present condition of the ironclads belonging to the navy. Committees of Conference were appointed on the Appropriation bills for the Naval and Military Academies, after which the bill for the abolition of the franking privilege was discussed. Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, made a long speech in support of various modifications in the bill as passed by the House, and when he had concluded, the debate on the admission of Mississippi was resumed, in which Messrs. BAYARD, MORTON and DAVIS took part. No vote was reached on the bill, and the Senate, at 5:30 P. M., adjourned.

In the House but little business was transacted. A resolution reported from Committee providing for closing the land offices in any State where the unsold public lands do not exceed 10,000 acres was passed. The resolution calling for information as to the imprisonment of Americans by Great Britain for political offences was discussed at length and then adopted. A debate on the contested election case in the Eleventh New-York District, and the report of the Committee declaring Mr. VAN WYCK entitled to the seat, occupied the remainder of the session, and without a vote, at 4:30 P. M., the House adjourned.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate yesterday, the bill authorizing Brooklyn to borrow money to pay its liabilities was reported. A bill was introduced to reorganize the Brooklyn Park Commission. Among the measures passed were the bills altering the map of New-York City; relative to the appointment of Marshals in New-York City, and aiding the lodging house of the Children's Aid Society of New-York. The bill repealing the act appropriating Excise moneys to sectarian schools, with a number of petitions relating thereto, were referred to the Committee on Municipal Affairs, and the Judiciary Committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

In the Assembly a large number of bills was introduced, including one authorizing the Park Presbyterian Church, of New-York, and the Yorkville Presbyterian Church to unite, which was read and passed; one authorizing the Common Council in Brooklyn to regulate the employment of conductors and drivers on the Brooklyn street cars, and one establishing a stage route from Cortlandt-street to Thirty-fourth-street and the East River. Among the bills passed were that chartering the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, and the bill to enable the American and Foreign Bible Society to contribute with the American Baptist Society. A debate arose on a motion to commit to the Committee on Cities the bill placing the Court of Special Sessions of New-York under the old law. The motion was carried, and the House took a recess until 7:30 P. M. The evening session was devoted mainly to the discussion of the bill relative to the election of inspectors and canvassers of election by the people.

GENERAL.

Further advices from Paraguay via Lisbon report renewed fighting in that country.

The third session of the Dominion Parliament was opened at Ottawa, Ont., yesterday, with the usual formalities. Prince ARTHUR accepted a seat on the throne at the right of the Governor-General.

WM. JONES has just been arrested for robbing the mails while transporting in his wagon from the Chicago Post Office to the Rock Island Railroad depot. Over $100,000 in drafts are said to have been stolen by JONES and his accomplices.

A fire yesterday at Astoria destroyed the Nassau Oil Works and O'CONNOR'S tenement. A man named DONNEY perished in the flames.

The Salt Lake City municipal election yesterday resulted in the return of the "orthodox" ticket. Only half a dozen women voted, giving their support to both tickets. The authorities discouraged the voting of women.

The ironclads *Miantonomah* and *Tecumseh*, and the United States steamships *Colorado* and *Leyden*, from Portland, put into Portsmouth, N. H., on Monday afternoon, to avoid the storm.

Ground was broke on the Northern Pacific Railroad at Dalles, Minn., yesterday, and a party of one hundred men is at work. Six parties of engineers are in the field.

The Pennsylvania Senate yesterday passed the bill allowing writs of error to the Supreme Court in criminal cases, over the veto of the Governor, by 22 to 5.

The silk store of COOPER & CONRAD, Philadelphia, was robbed on Monday night of silks worth $5,000.

The gross earnings of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad for the past year were $17,250,000 and the expenses over $12,000,000.

CHARLES DURANG, the veteran actor, and author of the *History of the Philadelphia Stage*, died at Philadelphia yesterday morning, at the age of 70 years.

Commodore STEPHEN CHAMPLIN, of the United States Navy, and only surviving officer who participated in the battle of Lake Erie, is dangerously ill in Buffalo.

LOCAL.

Additional evidence was taken yesterday in the case of E. W. FARRINGTON, an ex-gauger, charged with making false returns on a large quantity of whisky at the time of its removal from bond. A merchant named MARTIN R. COOK was arrested on a charge of having employed FARRINGTON to commit the alleged fraud. He was held for examination in $2,000 bail.

The members of the New-York Bar met at the Studio Building, corner of Twenty-sixth-street and Fifth-avenue, adopted a constitution and by-laws, and resolved to offer a reward of $5,000 for the apprehension and conviction of the assailant of Mr. DORMAN B. EATON.

EDWARD J. OAKLEY, the defaulting Cashier of the Merchants' Exchange National Bank, was fully committed in the United States Commissioner's office yesterday, to await the action of the Grand Jury.

In the case of the Erie Railway Company vs. RAMSAY et al., Judge BARNARD yesterday made an order declaring Mr. RAMSAY guilty of contempt of Court, and appointing WILLIAM BARTLETT referee to determine what, if any, damages have been sustained by the Railway Company, in consequence of the disobedience of the injunction order made in December last.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, Recorder HACKETT gave one burglar (colored) twenty years in State Prison, another ten years, an incendiary seven years, a male thief five years, and a female thief two years and six months.

The case of ROSANNA ROGERS was concluded yesterday in the Essex County Court by a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. The jury was out twenty-one hours. In the verdict the jury made a strong recommendation to the mercy of the Court. Sentence was not pronounced, and the prisoner was remanded. She is said to have expressed her resolve to commit suicide if the trial resulted in her conviction.

The recent organization of the Independent German Party in Hudson County, to oppose government by the so-called "Ring," and to do away with the alleged corruptions so long prevalent in the management of State, county and municipal affairs, has been followed by the organization of a sister party by the English-speaking residents of the county, upon the same platform of principles. It is to be known as the People's Democratic Union of Hudson County.

The War on Our Common Schools.

From all parts of the State remonstrances are pouring into the Legislature against giving public money to sectarian schools under the provision smuggled into the City tax levy of 1869. We say "smuggled in," because this is a proper description of the way the obnoxious enactment was foisted upon the people. The last Legislature adjourned at midnight of the 10th of May, 1869, after a prolonged and desperate struggle over the January tax levies. The Senate and Assembly disagreeing on many points, the tax levy was put into the hands of Conference Committees towards the close of the session, and thence it emerged with a section providing that "hereafter, an *annual* amount, equal to twenty per cent. on the excise money received for said City (New-York) in 1868," should be distributed "for the support of schools, educating children gratuitously in said City, who are not provided for in the common schools thereof, excepting therefrom schools receiving contributions for their support from the City Treasury;" Mr. MORGAN, Mr. VAN PATTEN, and others in the State Senate, at once indignantly opposed this appropriation of public funds to private uses. But it was too late—the last day of the session had come; Mr. HUMPHREYS "protested against any discussion of the school question at this time;" and the opponents of the measure were helpless. In this way sectarian schools were set up against common schools, and our whole system of public education, the pride and the glory of the City, was put in peril.

The question now is, shall this vicious and destructive legislation be repealed? Is the party that rules at Albany prepared to meet the storm of public indignation which will surely break upon them if they fail to repeal this law? Mr. BERGEN was right in declaring on Monday that "the importance of the subject demands that it be quickly disposed of." We can assure the Legislature that though a log-rolling trick may be pardoned, a deliberate refusal to listen to the public voice will cause a resentment it may now little suspect. The subject, indeed, surpasses any partisan bounds, and we record it to the credit of the leading Democratic organs of the City and State, that so many of them have also protested against the war on our school system. The remonstrance of the Union League Club is a non-partisan document, as are many of the protests now before the Legislature signed by people of opposite political faiths.

It must be understood that this is only the climax of a series of measures to rob the public schools and endow private ones. For years there have been deftly introduced, on philanthropic pretences, items in the tax levy for the support of sectarian charities, which turned out to be mainly subsidies of anti-common-school education; but last year the mask was thrown off, and open war declared.

In the twelvemonth just closed there was diverted to sectarian purposes a total of $[illegible]. This sum was divided among churches, schools, asylums and other institutions specially devoted to the Roman Catholic, Protestant Episcopal, Hebrew, Dutch Reformed, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Baptist and German Evangelical Churches. How the money was distributed is not the main point. Had Baptists secured the largest sum and Catholics the smallest, the principle would have been equally vicious. No public money should be given to private schools, and, above all, to sectarian schools. We have thus far had no union of Church and State; let us not commit the worse folly of uniting State and sects!

The cunning phrase of the tax levy spoke of "children *not provided for* in the common schools," as if this great number of sectarian schools was designed to fill out a deficiency in this respect. But no such deficiency existed then, and none such exists now. On the contrary, the Board of Education reports that "the average number of vacant seats in the common schools is 30,000;" and our schools, as the Union League well says, furnish gratis to the children of the City, without distinction of sect, everything that sectarian schools furnish, except sectarian religious instruction. The question comes up whether the people shall be taxed to furnish the latter item, or whether the sects shall not pay for it themselves.

We have at length made our common schools as perfect as they can well be. By what right, then, are we now taxed to support rival establishments, when nigh upon 40,000 seats remain vacant in our own? Were there no other objection to sectarian legislation, it would be enough to know that it, like subsidy legislation, points straight to financial ruin. Once take money from the public purse for sectarian uses, and there is no end to similar calls.

We have pronounced this sectarian onset a move to rob and ruin our public schools. It robs them, because whatever educational fund is given to rivals, is taken from them. It will ruin them, unless resisted, because private schools will make continual inroads on common schools until the latter die out. To other incentives, the former will add the powerful one of religious enthusiasm and sectarian zeal; and, while each strives to surpass its neighbor in subsidies, all will join in war on the public schools. That will be an evil day when our children shall be offered the dilemma of ignorance or sectarian instruction. Our pride has been hitherto that public education here is unsectarian, and bigotry unknown; but we shall be likely to lose for our children the advantages we have enjoyed, unless the present retrograde movement is resisted with spirit and determination. Memorials, and, if need be, public meetings, must show the Legislature that the citizens of New-York will not stand by with indifference and see their public school system destroyed.

The Bankrupt Law—The Bininger Case Decisions.

The motions in the Bininger case, which it was supposed would furnish some indication of the position to be taken by the Circuit Court of the United States upon the threatened conflict of jurisdiction between Judge MCCUNN and the Courts of the United States, have been decided; but without any such result. They are, however, important as marking out a course in respect to one part of bankruptcy law. The case in brief is this: BININGER and CLARK were in partnership. On a bill filed by CLARK in the Superior Court Judge MCCUNN appointed a receiver of their partnership property, for the purpose of winding up the business. Creditors then took proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court, to have the firm declared bankrupt, and, notwithstanding injunctions issued by Judge MCCUNN to restrain their action, it was so adjudged and an assignee appointed.

CLARK thereupon took steps to have this adjudication reviewed in the Circuit Court, and the counsel for the assignee made to that Court four applications. First, for a writ of prohibition to the Superior Court to prevent its taking any further steps in the suit pending there; second, for an order that the Marshal take possession of the property in the hands of the State Court receiver, and that the bankrupts be ordered to substitute him for themselves; third, that CLARK be compelled to elect between prosecuting his suits in the State Court and his appeal in the Circuit Court; and, fourth, that the receiver be restrained from interfering with the property, and that a receiver of it should be appointed by the Circuit Court, to hold it until the question whether he or the receiver had the best title to it should be determined.

Judge WOODRUFF denied all of the applications. He denied the first, because the proceedings in the Superior Court in no way interfered with the Circuit Court in its proceeding of revising the decision of the District Court. He denied the second, because that would be using the Circuit Court to enforce the decrees of the District Court, which latter was competent to enforce its own decrees. He denied the third, because CLARK had a right to review the decision of the District Court, which was not affected by the other proceedings. And he denied the last, because it did not appear that there was any injury to be prevented by calling upon the Court to interfere by preliminary injunction and appoint a receiver.

In the course of the decisions there are remarks about the power of the District Court to execute its own decrees, and the extent to which the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court is carried in such cases, which will be of assistance to practitioners in bankruptcy. For there has been thus far, little or no consideration of those clauses of the Bankrupt act which relate to this point. Application was at once made by the assignee to the District Court for orders looking to the enforcement of its decrees. And a determination can hardly be reached upon them without having some light thrown upon the question whether the Bankruptcy Court is to have exclusive charge of closing up the estates of insolvents or not.

The Duty on Steel—Reduction, Not Increase, Required.

The men of the people never present themselves at Washington to ask for special legislation in their own behalf. They are perfectly willing to bear their proportion of public burdens, provided they are left to the undisturbed pursuit of their respective vocations. Yet they are as much to be considered in the construction of any scheme of revenue, as those who clamor most for a special consideration. "Protection," consequently, may mean the abatement of duties quite as much as the levying of them. Taxes must be levied so long as we have a Government to support. These must be largely based upon foreign importations, and so operate, and very properly, to the advantage of domestic industry. But when they become excessive, we may lose by the decay of one interest vastly more than we gain by the development of those which are peculiarly favored. Adopting this view of the subject, we regard the proposition for a large increase of duties at the present time as in the highest degree inopportune. Such increase is not needed for revenue; and certainly it is not needed for protection. The people do not demand any increase. There is no suggestion of increase on the part of the Administration; on the contrary, both the President and the Secretary of the Treasury have expressed themselves against it. The suggestion only comes from parties who have special interests to promote, which interests may thus be made antagonistic to the real interests of the nation.

Take, for example, the duties on steel. Those now levied are certainly adequate, for under them there has been an extraordinary development of this important interest. In addition, we have the direct testimony of the steelmakers themselves to this fact. In a memorial addressed by them to Congress, at its session for 1866-7, and signed by all the steelmakers at that time in the United States, it was stated that the present duties were agreed to by the steelmakers themselves in conference with the Committee of Ways and Means, "as being well adapted to the condition of the steel manufacture in this country," then in its infancy. If adequate then, certainly the same rate of duty must be adequate at the present time, considering the great reduction in the cost of iron and materials, and the great improvements that have been made in the manufacturing processes. The domestic makers also state in the same memorial that the manufacture of steel in this country became an assured success as early as 1859, under an ad valorem duty of only twelve and a half per cent. Since then the rate of protection has been increased more than threefold. In the meantime the internal revenue tax, exceeding at one time two cents per pound, and in consequence of which the import duty was, at the time, considerably increased, has been wholly removed, the protection to the domestic maker being increased in an equal degree.

The duties imposed by the present law on the several varieties of steel equal very nearly cent for cent of their cost. The sterling price of coach spring steel in England is $65 70 per ton, gold. The duty is two and a quarter cents per pound, or $50 40 per ton. The charges for importation equal $11 30 per ton, making the total cost laid down in New-York $127 40 in gold. The protection thus afforded to the domestic maker of steel in this country is nearly 100 per cent. It is now proposed to increase the duty from two and one-quarter to three and one-quarter cents per pound, or to $73 50 per ton—a sum $7 70 greater than its cost. Plow plates, cut to patterns, now pay two and one-quarter cents per pound, or $50 40 per ton. The proposed bill increases the duty upon all steel, cut to pattern, to four cents per pound, or to $89 60 per ton—a sum exceeding the first cost by more than $20. The duty on steel rails is now forty-five per cent. ad valorem, or almost exactly one cent per pound. The cost of importation brings the amount of protection afforded the domestic makers to fifty-five per cent. ad valorem. It is proposed by the Ways and Means Committee to double the present duty by making it two cents per pound, or $44 80 per ton—a sum very nearly equaling the cost of manufacture. The following statement will show the present rate of duty, the rate proposed to be established, and the percentage of the proposed increase of duty by the present bill.

Kind of Steel.	Present Duty per Pound.	Proposed Duty per Pound.	Per Cent. advs.
Mill saw steel and gang saw steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Best cross-cut saw plates to pattern	2.00	4.00	50.00
Second quality cross-cut saw plates to pattern	2.00	4.00	50.00
Third quality cross-cut saw plates to pattern	2.25	4.00	77.77
Mantlery steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Coach spring steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Best shovel steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Second quality shovel steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Hoe steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Plow plates	2.25	3.25	44.44
Plow plates cut to pattern	2.25	4.00	77.77
Table blade steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Ax steel to pattern	2.00	4.00	50.00
German cast steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Bitter steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
German steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
File steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Horse rasp steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Best cast steel	0.50	0.75	0.25
Second quality steel	2.00	3.25	1.25
Third quality steel	2.25	3.25	44.44
Steel rails, (45 per cent. ad valorem)	1.00	2.00	100.00
Steel ash bars cut to pattern	2.00	4.00	100.00

It cannot be denied that the manufacturers of steel in this country have been quite as prosperous, under the existing tariff, as the most favored of other interests. While the former has expanded with unprecedented rapidity, others have shown a decline. Of the latter fact, the shipping interest is an example. This interest suffers from high rates of duties, especially upon iron and steel. In endeavoring to over-protect one industry, therefore, we have injured another of equal if not greater importance. Iron and steel are now favored at the expense of all other interests. Not only is no increase desirable, but a reduction of the present duties is possible without detriment to these industries.

The traditional policy of the Government has been not to tax raw material. Steel in all its forms is emphatically raw material. No other article is converted into so many useful forms, nor is there one that receives such an increase of value from labor. But without the use of steel in the form of tools, no raw material could be availed of. Neither coal nor ores could be raised, nor could material of any kind be fitted for consumption or use. Steel, of all articles, is the one most indispensable, and the most universally used. It lies at the basis of all industry. In whatever form it is used, it is always a means to an end—never an end in itself. The difference between a good and a poor tool is the difference between a good and a poor workman. While, therefore, we would encourage our domestic manufacture by a just protection, we cannot, without injustice to other and not less important interests, sustain a duty which is excessive or prohibitory.

North Germany.

The assembling of a Parliament representing twenty different States and 29,000,000 of people is an event worthy of attention. Apart from its influence on current history, the North German Confederation possesses a unique interest as the first example on a large scale, in modern European history, of the operation of that federative principle which may be expected to receive enlarged applications in the future government of the world.

The programme of the Federal Parliament, as expounded by the King of Prussia, is short and practical. The most important point is that relating to a closer connection with South Germany. Of the six States which form a loose kind of confederation south of the Main, Bavaria is by far the most important, containing a population of five out of the nine millions which represent the total of their inhabitants. It is scarcely probable that the steps taken by the Bavarian Chambers a few days ago, relating to the dethronement of the King, will at all affect its relations with North Germany. LUDWIG II. has been more remarkable for his enthusiasm in the cause of music and art than for any political influence attaching to his position, and even should his eccentricities have developed into a species of lunacy, his younger brother is old enough to succeed him. The mother of these Princes is, moreover, a cousin of the King of Prussia, and WILLIAM I. has too confirmed a belief in the divine origin of royal prerogative to be disposed to profit by his kinsman's misfortune.

Every step leading to the affiliation of the two sections of Germany is jealously watched by France. The representative of the Ollivier Cabinet lately declared that in future his Government would be something more than a mere spectator of German affairs. A decided movement by Prussia across the line of the Main would at this moment be the signal for a European war. The treaties of 1866 provide for a strict military alliance of Bavaria, Wurtemberg and Baden with Prussia in time of war, together with the transference of the command of their armies to the King of Prussia. The additional treaty with Baden, which was signed on the 14th January, and is referred to in the royal address, provides for mutual aid and assistance in enforcing the decrees of the respective law Courts of the contracting parties. With a policy essentially aggressive, the Confederation professes the most pacific sentiments, though it wisely maintains the army in a position adapted to meet any contingency.

Wanted, a Colonial Policy.

The cable makes known to us, this morning, that a measure which has often been talked about has at last been adopted by the British Government. All the troops are to be withdrawn from Canada. The visible sign of dependence will thus disappear. The weakness of Canada consisted in its being ostensibly under the protection of British soldiers. Fenian raids have originated in the idea of humiliating England, not of injuring Canada. The troops were, therefore, not a source of strength to the Dominion, while they entailed a heavy charge upon the English taxpayers. They invited attack rather than discouraged it. Henceforth Canada must be answerable for its own defence, at least in time of peace.

This decision of the English Government must be regarded as a concession to the party which has persistently maintained that colonies ought not to be a burden to the mother country. It is not a mere detail in a comprehensive policy, for England cannot find a colonial policy. She is stumbling about in the dark. She wants colonies, and yet she does not want them. She is afraid that they are a source of weakness to her, and yet she does not know what to do with the unemployed except to send them to some of her possessions abroad. There is no backbone in the present Government, so far as regards this question. It has tried to shuffle off the colonies one after another. The cold shoulder has been turned to delegates from Canada. New-Zealand has been given good reason to complain of breach of faith and other ill-usage. Earl GRANVILLE, the Colonial Secretary, has addressed the colonists everywhere in the tone of an angry pedagogue. What with estranging foreign Powers, and insulting her own offshoots, England stood a very fair chance of finding herself left without a friend in the world.

This prospect has naturally alarmed some men of old-fashioned patriotic ideas. Mr. FROUDE, the historian, has come forth from his study to warn his countrymen against what he holds to be the infatuated course of the Liberal Party. Mr. TENNYSON, poet laureate, has followed suit. But so far the Government has been impenetrable to remonstrance. It does not want to be bothered with the question. If this went on much longer, it would be just within the range of probability that the Conservatives would stand a chance of success in going to the country a couple of years hence with a good strong colonial policy. At present the people do not seem to care very much about the subject one way or other. From one extreme they have gone to another. Because they failed in the attempt to tax colonies without their consent they have been "in the sulks" ever since. They will rejoice at the withdrawal of troops from Canada because it saves money. The Canadians ought to be glad for other reasons. The red uniform did them a great deal more harm than good. In a few months there will not be a British soldier left on this continent, and although that is enough to make GEORGE III. turn in his coffin, the world at large will find things go on very much as before. It is quite time that Canada should throw off the last sign of being in leading strings.

Does the Mayor propose to offer any reward for the discovery of the ruffian by whom Mr. EATON was attacked on Saturday night? Or are the authorities of the City prepared to pass unnoticed an outrage obviously originating in personal malice, and in no manner connected with ordinary street robbery? Mr. EATON was not robbed. He was knocked senseless near his own door, within a few steps of Fifth-avenue,—and was left in his helplessness, with his pocketa untouched. Does any one believe that that attack was not instigated by some party or parties as yet unknown?—that the ruffian who struck the blow was not hired for the occasion? These are questions which a liberal reward might aid in answering. At any rate, it might elicit facts which would throw some light upon an occurrence so calculated to awaken anxiety and alarm. Who is safe, if an attack like this is followed by no special effort on the part of the civic authorities?

The great question with many members of Congress appears to be when they will be able to go home. It is one of the few discussions yet started at Washington which possess a grain of humor. Congress cannot be said to have settled properly down to its work yet. Nothing has been done on the great subjects of the day. There has not been a single good debate on foreign affairs. Cuba has been the subject of some speeches which might just as well have been left unspoken. Mr. FERNANDO WOOD has undertaken the care of England. Some quires of manuscript have been read on tariffs, but there has been no discussion of a practical character. The people are crying for reduced taxation, but Mr. DAWES alone has taken up the matter in a serious and business-like spirit. And now Congressmen are calculating when they can slip away from their duties altogether. Would not the best way of looking at the question be this—"the sooner we *begin* our work the sooner it will be ended?"

The London *Times*, we are told by telegraph, "exults," during its review of Mr. E. J. REED's book on "Ironclads," over Secretary ROBESON's admissions of the "absolute worthlessness of the American vessels." If the *Times* reviewer has displayed as much careless ignorance of American ironclads in his review as the distinguished Chief Constructor does in his book, the "worthlessness" of American vessels will be nothing to that of the critic's article. Mr. E. J. REED's chapter on "turret ships" is to be specially noted for its inexactness regarding the American system; and we are not aware that it presents many other features necessary to study. That the machinery of a good part of our navy has long been deservedly a laughing stock in England, is well known; but that matter has properly nothing to do with Mr. REED's book on ironclads, or with the American monitor system many of whose good points have been adopted already by Mr. REED.

When things are at their worst they always mend, says the old proverb, and we only hope it will come true of our City postal arrangements. At present they are so vile that we may almost be said to have no Post Office at all. The other day a letter came to this office after being six days on its transit. It had come no further than from West Nineteenth-street. It might have been taken to California in the time. It ordinarily occupies about three days to send a letter from one part of the City to another. We need not say that this shuts out commercial men from using the Post Office half the time. They are obliged to dispatch their letters by messengers. But think of the loss inflicted on the Post Office Department by this bad service. It limits its own profits to an untold extent. However, while the public remains asleep the Post Office people are not likely to wake up.

Late events in Spain are bearing fruit. The motion made a fortnight ago in the Cortes by the Republican leader, CASTELAR, to exclude forever all BOURBONS from the throne, was rejected by 150 votes to 97, and the discussion which attended it called forth from PRIM the important declaration that, while his famous "Never" was repeated six times, instead of three, as generally supposed, three of them were intended for ISABELLA, and three for her son, Prince ALPHONSE, but that the word did not apply to any other person. Read by this statement, the announcement by cable of MONTPENSIER's presence in Madrid, and his interviews with the Marshal and the Admiral, becomes significant. Time has evidently been working in favor of the candidate whom Don HENRY OF BOURBON contemptuously styles "An orange grower on the banks of the Guadalquivir," and the "close-fisted Duke," whom the moneyed classes of Spain decidedly favor, seems at present to have the odds in his favor.

Detailed tidings from Rome fail to throw any additional light upon the point lately raised by the French and German Bishops as to the votes being reckoned in proportion to the extent of the various dioceses. We have, however, some details of the grounds upon which the demand was made. The diocese of Breslau, whose Bishop had not been placed on a single commission, includes 1,700,000 Roman Catholics, while the 700,000 inhabitants of the remaining State of the Church are represented by sixty-two Bishops, whose names are to be found on all the commissions. The Archbishop of Cologne stands as spiritual superior to 1,400,000; of Casalaria, to 1,200,000; of Paris, to 2,000,000; and yet four of the 40 Neapolitan and Sicilian Bishops of the Council are sufficient to outvote them, and the five millions of French and German Catholics at their back. Under this system it is complained that one Italian has more weight than twenty Germans.

A resolution has been introduced into the House of Representatives for a special appropriation of $5,000 for an "oil painting of ABRAHAM LINCOLN." Some artist is, doubtless, already mixing his colors on the strength of this appeal to the generosity of Congress. At the same time a bill was introduced by Mr. HAMLIN for the construction of an equestrian statue in bronze of the late JOHN A. RAWLINS. Then we are threatened with two more additions to those "works of art" which already make every beholder ask Washington, is not the equestrian statue of General JACKSON enough? Why should an excellent and able man—and withal a modest one—like Mr. RAWLINS be made a laughing-stock of, à la JACKSON? With regard to the oil painting, are there not enough such works already in the Capitol? Surely, it cannot be forgotten that Miss VINNIE REAM's gigantic statue of Mr. LINCOLN must be completed some day, and the Capitol will be the only place in the country big enough to hold it. Those who saw the cast of that grand work some four or five years ago know what to expect. We submit that the memory of Mr. LINCOLN and Mr. RAWLINS does not need the proposed tributes. Moreover, is this a time for wasting money on private jobs?

"I think there be six Richmonds in the field," exclaims King Richard III. in the play. Six Richmonds on Bosworth Field were all astonishing numbers, but five Hamlets in New-York are not less so. Besides, the six Richmonds at Bosworth were imaginary—or, all save one—while five genuine rival Hamlets are here in the field, and talked with five rival ghosts on Monday night. There was FECHTER at Niblo's, BOOTH at Booth's, FOX at the Olympic, PASTOR as his "Opera House," and a San Francisco minstrel at his Opera House. Rural readers who may read in this fact a good omen for the "legitimate drama," must know that the majority of these Hamlets were burlesques. However, melancholy or humorous, five Hamlets in one city on one night form a stage phenomenon worth noting.

The murderous assault upon Mr. EATON, in one of the best parts of the City on a bright moonlight night, recalls attention to an assault of another character, perpetrated upon the same gentleman by a Judge of the Supreme Court, with all the impunity which a seat upon the Bench confers. Judge BARNARD it was who, on the 8th inst., attributed to Mr. EATON, as counsel in proceedings against the Erie management, the use of information which he had acquired as counsel for the Erie Company. The prostration of Mr. EATON renders it impossible for him to state promptly in reply what every professional man in the City already knows with regard to his relationship to the Erie concern. The truth, however, is, that the acts of the management assailed in the proceedings for which Mr. EATON is counsel, were all subsequent to his professional connection with the Company. The measures he arraigns were devised and executed after he had ceased to be the counsel of the Company, and therefore after he had any special opportunity for acquiring information on the subject. The allegation of Judge BARNARD was as indecent as it was untrue.

There is a chance for Mr. BARNUM whenever he gets away from that bewildering and unsatisfactory piece, the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. A mermaid is on exhibition in Benares, the holy city of Bengal. There is no deception. Anybody can go in and see the prodigy on payment of a single piece—a coin so small in value that Western nations would scorn to acknowledge it. The mermaid does not come up to the old descriptions and pictures of the creature, for there is nothing of the lovely woman about it. "It exactly resembles a fish covered with scales in the lower half, and a monkey, having a head and two arms, with fingers and nails, in the upper half." It was found in the sea near Japan and the present owners gave 500 rupees for it—about $600 of our currency. Another one was brought over at the same time "as big as a man." That fetched 1,500 rupees, or $1800. Now that the stone-giant imposition is all found out, why not let us have a new mermaid? Anything for a change. Mr. BARNUM had better come out of that cave and set to work.

The Press, which is naturally fond of a tilt at the knights of the peaknib parquiette and franking privilege, must do justice to the present self-denying action of Congress. The usual contingent appropriation, under which toilet articles, stationery and hardware are dealt out in abundance, has been so shorn of its first proportions as now to make a moderate sum—about one-fourth, we believe, of the original estimate. Yesterday's debate in the Senate, also, seems to show, by its general tone, that the franking privilege will be greatly modified, or abolished altogether. We are aware that "deficiency" appropriations, and other devices, sometimes falsify the promise of legislative economy, but it is fair to say that Congress has, thus far, really moved towards reduction in its own expenses.

The Condition of Mr. Eaton Yesterday—Story of the Assault as Detailed by Himself.

The condition of Mr. D. B. EATON was more comfortable yesterday. He passed a quiet night, and the absence of fever, which is most to be feared in cases of this character, has to a certain extent relieved the apprehensions of his friends as to a serious result from the dastardly attack which was made upon him on Saturday evening last. To a representative of the TIMES, who called at his residence, No. 3 East Twenty-ninth-street, yesterday afternoon, Mr. EATON made the following statement:

"On Saturday evening I attended a reception tendered to the President elect of Harvard College by Mr. JOS. H. CHOATE, No. 137 West Twenty-first-street. I left Mr. CHOATE's about 11:30, and proceeded through Twenty-first-street to Fifth-avenue. I walked up Fifth-avenue, on the west side, until I came to Twenty-ninth-street, when I crossed over to the other side, on my way home. I met Mr. DEMETRIO DUER, of this City, and conversed with him for a moment. My residence is on the south side of Twenty-ninth-street, and as I reached the corner of that street and Fifth-avenue I noticed a man standing on the corner opposite. The evening was very light, and I recognised him as a man whom I had seen before. He was about five feet ten inches tall, of slight figure, and had dark whiskers. He was dressed in a black frock coat, and wore a low-top round hat. I should recognise him if I should see him again. I took no particular notice of him, however, and passed on down Twenty-ninth-street to my home, which is about one hundred and fifty feet from Fifth-avenue. After walking about half the distance I suddenly heard a short, sharp whistle from the other side of the street towards Madison-avenue and near Dr. HOUGHTON's Church, and at the same time quick steps behind me. I turned partially around, and at that instant received a blow on the back of the head which knocked me senseless and rendered me for a time unconscious. I must have remained in this condition for some ten or fif

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MR. FECHTER'S HAMLET.

COLERIDGE somewhere compares experience to the stern-lights of a ship, which illume the path that has been traversed but throw no light on that which is to come. This is true in a measure of all art, and especially so of the stage. The actor lives on the breath of the majority, and the majority are very apt to think that what has been ought to be and that change must needs mean perverseness or incapacity. Originality, therefore, is always roughly challenged. No light from behind streams forward to show whether the new thing be good or bad. It requires, even with the educated and thoughtful, a strong effort to strip the mind and the memory of all prejudice and by close comparison of the new thing to nature—a most difficult but the only legitimate process—to determine its actual merits. Most players, being mere bundles of eclecticism, give us no such trouble. They present us with a mosaic, put together with more or less address, taken from the different actors they have seen and admired, with perhaps a traditional fragment here and there suggested by some Cibber, or Tate Wilkinson or Bowden who has described the giants that went before. This may be arranged in a new and striking pattern, varying with the industry and ingenuity of the workman, but the pieces are all familiar and we are at no labor to understand them. In the absence of anything else we may say this composite production is very fine indeed; but in our heart of hearts we know it is a more clever imitation after all. When the real originator comes—we would rather say he who copies nature instead of other people—the world is almost certain at first to be displeased. Nothing is stronger than habit. To break away from conventions or a belief in them is always a painful thing. There is necessarily at first a feeling of resentment towards him who bids or makes us do it; but there is afterwards a feeling of supreme gratitude—for the human heart is noble at the core, and reverences to the end whoever has taught it truth. When MILLAIS began to paint his pre-Raphaelite pictures—which, be their exaggerations what they may, were substantially returns to nature, revolutionists of tradition, creators of a new-old school whose teachings of goodness and truth are blossoming to fruition all around the world—fashionable London stood before them in the galleries and likened them to Chinese tea trays. Fashionable London has learned better since. Now what MILLAIS was to painting, Mr. FECHTER is to the stage. He is the pre-Raphaelite of his art, and his career and influence in it indicate a complete parallel illustration. We mean to say that we have strayed in the interpretation of our higher drama so far away from nature, that the abrupt presentation of nature's self comes upon us with a kind of shock. It is like the Londoners with their Chinese tea trays. But the more the picture, or the acting, is studied, the more closely it is compared with nature, the more will its fidelity be recognized, and the more will its superiority to copies of copies be acknowledged.

Mr. FECHTER played *Hamlet* for the first time in this country at Niblo's Theatre on Monday. In this personation he deliberately threw down the glove to nearly all generally-received notions of the character. He gave so strong a shock, indeed, to the popular ideal of *Hamlet* in appearance, action, reading—by what he did and what he omitted to do—that it will not be in the least surprising to hear honest but superficial judges denouncing Mr. FECHTER's *Hamlet* as a failure; and it will be even less wonderful to find judges who are not honest availing themselves, like demagogues, of popular misapprehension—or, let us say, in this instance, of popular slowness in arriving at a just analysis of what is so altogether strange—to be equally condemnatory. There is no lack of material to render such censure plausible. To begin with what is of least consequence, Mr. FECHTER wears a light or rather an auburn wig, whereas we have been accustomed to see *Hamlet* with locks as black as his garments, and in keeping, as it were, with their own mournful significance. Trifling as it seems, this blonde hair is regarded by a general audience with distaste. Everything is regarded by a general audience with distaste when it is at once unfamiliar and traverses something that is otherwise. Next, the rapidity of Mr. FECHTER's utterance contrasted with the measured accents, sanctioned to the part from time immemorial, is to many ears offensive and inappropriate. He never declaims. Sometimes, in truth, he rushes over the words so fast as to slur their full pronunciation. Almost always he disappoints by avoiding the cadence, or vocal turn, that is usual and instinctively desired. He never pauses to make "points." If the audience choose to applaud they may, but he never waits for it. Nor does he ever in the torrent and whirlwind of his passion stoop to shadow forth equivokes, or epigrams, or any of those finical verbal distinctions whereby actors of *Hamlet* of more elaborateness than genius have striven to gain credit for subtlety of appreciation or "scholarly" treatment of their theme. Mr. FECHTER evidently believes that a man in the extremity of filial interest, anguish or superstitious dread, would be unlikely to denote such pedantries, even if—which is more improbable—at such supreme moments they crossed his mind. So fastidious is Mr. FECHTER's taste in the rejection of imposing conventionalities, that he repeatedly forgoes the certainty of a round of applause for the sake of doing what is most natural. Thus the rhymed couplets which set off so many of *Hamlet's* exits, if delivered with emphasis, and close to the side scene, almost invariably draw applause. They were doubtless inserted by SHAKESPEARE for this purpose, as well as to give what he thought a symmetrical filip to the speeches. But Mr. FECHTER delivers them from the middle of the stage with no stress that he does not think their importance calls for, and then walks to the rear—being usually thereupon "closed in." Of melodramatic strut and stamp and roar he has nothing, although he certainly exhibits more physical power in *Hamlet* than in the two melodramas in which he has hitherto appeared. His accent is less conspicuous in *Hamlet* than in those parts, although, as in them, it undeniably mars his effects at times. But the strong distinguishing feature about this performance, like that of the others, is its astonishing fidelity to nature. This implies in Mr. FECHTER immense penetration and immense courage, and it also implies genius.

Mr. FECHTER's *Hamlet* strikes us, notwithstanding, as curiously uneven. His first encounter with the Ghost is admirable in its truth, its humanity, and its tenderness; his delivery of the soliloquy at the end of the second act is nobly impassioned, and nearly the whole of the third act is truly magnificent. Yet there are passages in which he imparts the least conceivable significance or effort to the text; runs over it, in fact, as if it were hardly worth the saying. We must remember, however, that Mr. RUSKIN would probably call this one of the surest signs of masterly handling. Preciseness, if not the absolute antithesis, is rarely the accompaniment of genius. To give undue importance to details is to subtract just prominence from principal objects. We find no such explanation for what, to our eyes, seem two marked defects in Mr. FECHTER's conception. These are his usual lack of princelliness of demeanor and his occasional lack of repose. Perhaps he deems the epoch a barbaric or semi-civilized one, and that the high-wrought courtliness is to contemporary on the English stage to fairly late the character of *Hamlet* as an anachronism. Possibly it is; but *Hamlet* is styled the glass of fashion and the mould of form, and it is safer as a rule to assent to SHAKESPEARE's mistakes in time than to disturb the harmoniousness of his fantastic structures. Mr. FECHTER's ruggedness in parts, and a certain coarseness of satire in talk and gesture there and there observable, appear to corroborate this barbaric theory. But the English-speaking public's impression of the lofty breeding and dignity proper to *Hamlet*—bequeathed to our theatre from the school of the KEMBLES—is deep and strong; and unless an opposing view were deemed essential to the vitality of Mr. FECHTER's whole conception—of which we see no need—a modification here might judiciously be adopted. In imparting to Mr. FECHTER an occasional lack of repose we are perhaps guilty of a misapplication of terms. What we mean to convey is that he impresses us as too exclusively acted on from without and not enough from within. He favors us with too little of that "thinking aloud" suggested by HAZLITT, and which belongs to the musing spirit, the philosophic sweetness of *Hamlet's* character. Like KEAN, he is too frequently splenetic and rash, and so misses some of the dreaminess, the mysticism and the poetic majesty that pertain to this marvelous creation; qualities which we all know full well we shall never see realized, but against whose absence we all feel bound, in our several ways, to protest. Practically speaking—in the sense, that is to say, of keeping in view the possible and impossible—these are but spots on the sun. There is a realistic grandeur about the best parts of Mr. FECHTER's *Hamlet* that makes his performance in these respects tower far above any that this generation has seen, and cause it to shine with a refulgence that cannot and will not permanently be denied.

We dislike comparisons, and believe that justice can commonly be done to all grades of excellence without necessarily depreciating one artist in order to exalt another. It would, however, be idle to ignore a discussion in which so many are engaged, which will probably be carried on with animation for some time, and in which hospitality, as well as a regard for justice to art, prompt us to take some part. The fact that Mr. FECHTER's and Mr. BOOTH's *Hamlet* are totally and irreconcilably unlike does not and will not prevent a perpetual comparison of the merits of the two. The truth, which may be given in a nutshell, is, that Mr. BOOTH is an eclectic artist of a high grade, such as we have previously described—and that Mr. FECHTER is a man of genius. Mr. BOOTH's performance is the superior in evenness, in repose, in dignity and in general elaboration. Mr. FECHTER's is the finer in naturalness, in fire and in originality. Mr. BOOTH succeeds by the aid of physical advantages and Mr. FECHTER in spite of their absence. Nature has, however, denied to Mr. BOOTH, by way of compensation, the intellectual grasp and intuition and the prodigious magnetic power which at intervals make FECHTER seem almost inspired. You can hardly see a scene of BOOTH's *Hamlet* without being favorably impressed by his obvious study and taste; you may see many scenes of FECHTER's and not be favorably impressed at all. But if you see the whole of the former your general impression will not be greatly exalted; while if you see the whole of the latter you cannot help being somewhere and somehow stirred to the very depths of your soul. BOOTH is mechanical and formal—at times disagreeably so. In spite of a well-simulated severity of style, he is continually struggling for effect. Finding, for example, that some people are profoundly impressed by his tumbling suddenly upon his back, he does it so often in the play that it becomes ridiculous. Nothing could persuade FECHTER to do such a thing for such a purpose. Is it natural? Would a man do this and so in the given situation? appear to be his constant questions. His acting as we see it replies to them. Irregular and fitful as this sometimes may look, we find on close examination that it responds in a catholic manner to the soundest artistic tests. But with all his intelligence—and this is great—Mr. FECHTER could not be the surpassing actor he is but for one last, best gift of nature. This is what we may call his electric spontaneity—his wealth of real, not simulated, passion, his ineffable tenderness, his splendid scorn are all thrown out by this with dazzling radiancy. Study cannot create so divine a quality, nor can the absence of study take it away.

We have left ourselves little space to refer to details. Mr. FECHTER's "business" in *Hamlet* is in general novel, in most instances better than the old, in some few to our mind not so good. The cut at the end of the last act we cannot approve—obvious as is its artistic purpose. There is a touching exposition of both his own character and *Horatio's* in the beautiful lines that follow, which Mr. FECHTER omits, and which we cannot afford to lose:

"Oh, good Horatio, what a wounded name,
Things standing thus unknown shall live behind me!
If thou dost ever hold me in thy heart,
Absent thee from felicity awhile,
And in this harsh world draw thy breath in pain,
To tell my story."

—It would be singular if some readers did not consider our praise of Mr. FECHTER overstrained. We do not think it is so. We regard him as a revolutionist in art, an iconoclast, who is destined to do vast good by overthrowing unnatural and artificial systems. Every one remembers the character whom FIELDING in one of his novels takes to see GARRICK act *Hamlet*. He is told that GARRICK is the best player that ever trod the stage, and replies contemptuously, "He the best player! why, I could act as well as he myself. I am sure if I had seen a ghost, I should have looked in the very same manner, and done just as he did. And then, in that scene between him and his mother, where you told me he acted so fine, why, any man, that is, any good man that had such a mother, would have done exactly the same." This may be applied with equal propriety to Mr. FECHTER, and in our experience we have seen no other actor of whom precisely the same can be said. Yet let us admit that in the case of the performance of so complex and illusive a creation as SHAKESPEARE's *Hamlet*, a creation so changing and many-sided, and which may, therefore, appear in different lights at different times, even to the same mind, it behooves every one to scan his own judgment with self-distrust and modesty. We shall paint the colors of the chameleon, or fix the hues of the dying dolphin? We shall set down in dogmatic phrase the intent and meaning of the greatest characterization—purposely left misty and inexplicable—of perhaps the greatest human intelligence? For when the wisest of men have summed up and discussed all they know of the psychology of this mysterious *Hamlet*, and have been asked to put their analysis of his character into intelligible shape, the reply might have ever been—and may ever hereafter be—expressed in his own last and most pitiful words—"The rest is Silence."

"FROU FROU" AT THE FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.

"Frou Frou," one of the latest successes in Paris, and of which we printed a synopsis a few days ago, was brought out last night at the Fifth-avenue Theatre in the form of a translation and adaptation by Mr. AUGUSTIN DALY. The play was warmly received by the audience, and is on the whole better acted than any piece we have seen produced here under the present management. Mr. DALY has done his work remarkably well. His dialogue is smart, yet delicate, full of epigram and whimsical allusion, with abundant food for laughter, and yet no lack of pathos. The situations are good, and the interest of the plot is nicely kept up till the close. Miss RENTA, is hardly equal to the difficult part of *Frou Frou*. She wants the air of high breeding, the tone of refined society indispensable to the appropriate delineation of the character; and, although she is very much like a New-York girl of a certain sort, she is totally unlike a Parisian girl of any sort. Nevertheless, Miss RENTA takes great pains, looks well, and, as she ripens in the *rôle*, will perhaps acquire more ease and finish. Miss KATE NEWTON, who made her first appearance here as *Louise*, was quite successful. She is lady-like in manner, self-possessed, has a good voice and delivery, dresses well and is decidedly handsome. Mr. CLARKE was quiet and correct in the hero, and if his bearing is not too elegant, it is at least inoffensive. Mr. PARKES was acceptable in the *Count de Valrose* and acted his best scene excellently. Mr. JAMES LEWIS excited roars of laughter in the *Baron*, and his various costumes were the theme of universal admiration. Mr. DAVIDGE made quite a character of the rather slender part of *Brigard*, and Mrs. GILBERT and Miss FANNY DAVENPORT added their share to the general effect as the *Duchess* and *Pauline*. The drama is beautifully placed upon the stage, and, unlike its immediate predecessor, fairly deserves the attention of intelligent playgoers. We have not the least doubt that "Frou Frou" will hold the stage for a long time, and that it will draw remunerative houses. It is a pleasure to repeat that such a fate is in nearly all respects, richly merited.

The Opera.

"Faust" is to be sung at the Academy of Music this evening. Miss KELLOGG and Signor LOTTI, and RENTA are the artists.

Miscellaneous Notes.

A concert in aid of the Home for Friendless Women, was given at Steinway Hall last evening. Misses KELLOGG and HELEN STANLING, and Mr. W. J. HILL sang and Miss MEHLIG was at the piano. All the selections were *encored*, and to one of the demands for a repeat, Miss KELLOGG, who was in excellent voice and sang deliciously, responded by giving "Beware," with a piano accompaniment supplied by herself. Miss MEHLIG was heard to most advantage in LISZT's arrangement of MENDELSSOHN's "Wedding March."....Mr. S. P. WARREN's fourth recital of classical organ music will be given at Association Hall this afternoon....The old St. Ann's Oratorio Society, of Brooklyn, having for its specific object the study and performance of those choral works which are either new to the public or rarely performed in America, invites all competent singers to become members. Mr. JOHN F. MORGAN, of Trinity Church, can be applied to daily. ....A concert in which Mme. ANNA BISHOP, Miss C. V. HUTCHINGS, Mr. JACOBY and Mr. J. P. MORGAN are to take part occurs at Association Hall to-night.

ALBANY.

The Hall Opened on the Sectarian School Question—Cromwell's Opinion of the Protestant Sentiment of the State—"Mean, Contemptible, Sneaking, Hypocritical Cant"—The Brooklyn Bank—The Special Sessions Bill—Pardons During the Year.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1870.

The first discussion that has occurred on the question of appropriating money for the support of sectarian schools took place in the Senate this morning. It came up on a motion made by Mr. CREAMER, of New-York, to refer the petitions that have been flooding the Senate for the repeal of the law inserted in the New-York City TAX LEVY last Winter to the Committee on Municipal Affairs, instead of Charitable and Religious Societies, and also to refer a bill introduced by Mr. WOOD last evening for the repeal of the law to the same Committee. Mr. CHAPMAN moved to amend by referring them to the Judiciary Committee; and after some discussion on the motion, Mr. WOODIN, of Auburn, moved that they be referred to the Committee on Literature. He said he was not partisan as to what Committee they went to, so long as a report was made and a chance afforded to take the sense of the Senate on this question. It was not a local question, as the gentleman from New-York (CREAMER) would try to make it appear; it was a question that deeply interested the whole State, and not this State alone, but the whole country. Ohio was to-day agitated from centre to circumference on this very question. It was regarded, and justly, by the people as the entering wedge to the destruction of the American common school system, which had met the approbation of a large majority of the people of this country, and which the present Governor of this State pronounced almost perfect. The petitions that were daily and almost hourly coming into this Legislature from all parts of the State asking for the repeal of the law, showed how great was the interest the people took in the question; and the people would be heard and their voice respected, if not here at this session, then at the election next Fall, when those members who refused to allow them a hearing would be permitted to stay at home. In conclusion, he repeated that he cared not what Committee had charge of the petitions so long as it would take action on them and report the bill; but he thought the Committee on Literature as good as any other, and would therefore move their reference to this Committee.

Mr. CREAMER replied to Mr. WOODIN in the usual vulgar and insulting tone that characterizes the New-York Democracy when answering the arguments of Republicans. He said that in his opinion a committee on obscene literature would be more appropriate to take charge of this hypocritical cant that emanates from the people of the western part of the State—this meddling with other people's business contained in these petitions got up by a lot of "scribbling, senseless, churchless, howling pastors." He continued in this strain for some time, and wound up by characterizing the petitions for the repeal of this law as "mean, contemptible, sneaking, religious, hypocritical cant."

Mr. WOODIN replied to this onslaught in a calm and unimpassioned manner, but with great force and effect. He said:

"It is no affair of my own, I am sure, but I felt grieved and mortified when the Senator from the Sixth suggested that these petitions might better be referred to a Committee on Obscene Literature. Is he willing to go upon the record, and have it announced to the people of his district and of this State that these petitions coming from the best class of citizens in the State, and from his own party as well as the other party, shall be classed as petitions worthy only to be sent to a Committee on Obscene Literature? Has he read these petitions, and is he familiar with the names that are recorded there? He characterizes all this as the howling cant of these petitions as "hypocritical cant." I have heard that expression before in this Senate, and I do not know but it is to be the warp and woof of the speeches that are to be made here, by which these petitioners are to be cried out of the Legislature of the State of New-York and laughed to scorn. He chooses to call them as houseless, senseless and penniless pastors, and these petitions as the work of their hands. I will venture to say that upon all the petitions that have been presented here, there are not the names of fifty pastors. In our own city, where I know that fifteen hundred have come forward without distinction of party, and craved the privilege of recording themselves upon that petition, only five out of over forty pastors' names appear there, simply because the others have not had an opportunity to sign. Is the Senator willing to have it announced to the people of the State of New-York that the signers of that petition are houseless, senseless and penniless pastors? The Senator says that all this movement is for the purpose of satisfying the peculiar notions of a particular class. We understand what that means. We understand the language he used in reference to the Protestant sentiment of this State. Now he is entirely mistaken. It is not to gratify the peculiar views of Protestants, or any others, but it is to prevent any innovation upon our common school system. He understands that quite as well as anybody else, and every man and woman and child in the State of New-York who has been reading upon this question, understands that there is a studied and determined effort to break up our system of common schools. It is not confined to this State. The State of Ohio is rocked to-day from centre to circumference by this question, and her Courts are being invoked to interpose their judgment against any innovation upon her common school system. The people are to be heard, and they are not "houseless, senseless, penniless pastors." They are your peers. They send you and me, and every other Senator around this circle here, to legislate for them and shield and protect a system of education which has received the approbation of Governor of this State as almost perfect. Mr. President, I apprehend from the course which the discussion has taken this morning that this whole question is to come before the Legislature, and I am satisfied to leave the matter where it now is, and let this reference be made to whatever committee shall see fit, trusting that the time will come when the general question will be debated in this House and in the other, so that the people will have an opportunity to understand where their legislators stand upon this question.

The motion of Mr. CHAPMAN to refer the petitions and the bill to the Judiciary Committee was then adopted—yeas 12, nays 12. Mr. WOODIN having withdrawn his motion for a reference to the Committee on Literature in favor of Mr. CHAPMAN's motion. All the New-York and Brooklyn Senators voted in the negative, and, although it cannot be considered a test vote on the question of granting the prayer of the petitioners, yet the vote and the discussion together afford pretty strong indication that the law appropriating money to the support of sectarian schools in New-York will be abolished.

THE BUFFALO POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

The Senate then went into Executive Session, and confirmed the nominees of the Governor for Police Commissioners of Buffalo. No nomination for Harbor Masters or other officials were sent in by the Governor, and no intimation has been received that they ever will be sent in unless the Senate confirms the nominees Tuesday, McCOSKRY, for Capital Police Commissioner.

THE BROOKLYN BANK.

Mr. GOODRICH, the contestant for the seat of Wm. C. JONES, of Brooklyn, has brought up a bill, which was introduced by Mr. JAGNE to-day, to reorganize the Prospect Park Commission so as to give the appointment of the Park Commissioners to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. It also forbids the issue of bonds for carrying on work on the Park, and limits the amount to be expended annually to $200,000, which is to be raised by tax each year, and paid into the City Treasury. All drafts drawn on the fund by the Park Commissioners shall be accompanied by a specific statement of the purpose for which the money is required, and all work done on the Park shall be by contract to the lowest bidder. If the bill pass, it is said a guarantee has been given that the new Commission shall be a non-partisan body, and both parties shall be represented in it.

THE NEW-YORK SPECIAL SESSIONS BILL.

The bill to reorganize the Court of Special Sessions in New-York so as to allow all the Police Justices to take their turns in presiding, came up for final passage in the Assembly today, when FLAGG, of Troy, moved to recommit it to the Committee on Cities, on the ground that it was being rushed through with too much haste—it having been introduced only last Friday. The bill is said to be opposed by the Tammany Ring, and the motion to refer back was carried after considerable discussion.

PARDONS.

The Governor on Monday sent to the House a message giving a report of the pardons, commutations and reprieves granted during the year 1869. Eighty-six pardons, twenty commutations and two reprieves have been issued. Of the pardons, sixty-four were from State Prison and twenty-two from County Jail or Penitentiary. In every instance, good conduct in prison has been made a prerequisite condition to the granting of a pardon or commutation.

The Evening Session of the Assembly—The Democratic Party as Reviewed by Rabbi—Hepburn's Split in the New-York Delegation.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.—At the evening session of the Assembly KIERNAN's bill for electing Inspectors and Canvassers of Election, by the people, came up in Committee of the Whole and gave rise to a long discussion, in which the New-York City Democracy washed their dirty linen to the great amusement of their opponents. Speaker HITCHMAN took the floor against the bill, and said its effect would be to increase the frauds on the ballot box which it professed to prevent. KIERNAN retorted by charging HITCHMAN with attempting to kill the bill in order to perpetuate frauds. HITCHMAN hurled back the charge with the contempt due to the source whence it emanated. Crimination and recrimination followed, each speaker charging the other with having been elected by fraud, and all of them agreeing to what the Democracy have heretofore so stoutly denied, when uttered by Republicans, that elections, as now conducted in New-York, are a farce. The Republican members put in a word occasionally to keep the fire burning, and altogether it was the most laughable exhibition of and by the Democracy that has been witnessed this session. It is evident that the split in the New-York Democracy is past healing, and if a decent charter for that City is passed this session, it will have to be done by the aid of Republican votes.

Confirmations by the Senate.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.—The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: Loan Commissioners—Royal Corbin, Clinton County; Reuben C. Robie, Steuben County; Alexander Stephens, Steuben County; Henry H. Huntington, Schuyler County; James H. Miller, Rensselaer County; Hiram D. Hull, Rensselaer County; Chauncey Matthews, Herkimer County; William H. Mosher, Herkimer County; Richard Cottrell, Genesee County. Buffalo Police Commissioners—Harmon S. Cutting, Robert H. Fest and Ralph Courter.

THE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.

The Question in Cincinnati—Important Decisions in the Supreme Court—Use of the Bible Permitted.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 15.—The judges of the Superior Court have rendered their decision in the case involving the question of the exclusion of the Bible from the public schools. The action was to dissolve an injunction heretofore granted to restrain the operation of resolutions of the School Board, declaring that the reading of the Bible and religious exercises should not be permitted in the schools. Judge HAGAN held that the provisions of the Constitution recognize the religion of Christianity and acknowledge that religion and morality are necessary to good government; that the State uses religion as a means to promote good government, and therefore the exclusion of all religious instruction from the public schools is contrary to the provisions of the Bill of Rights. Judge STORER concurred in these views, and the injunction was made perpetual. Of Judge HAGAN's opinion, a synopsis follows. During the delivery of the opinions, which occupied more than three hours, the Court room was crowded with interested listeners:

The argument at the trial of the case in November took very wide range, and embraced topics supposed then to been upon the questions at issue. Counsel confused the difference between the sects and sectarianism, on the one hand, and Christians and Christianity on the other. The plaintiffs discussed the first resolution and the defendants the second, but not with any idea of abandoning either of them. The first question that presents itself is, whether the Court has power to hear the case, and grant the relief demanded. Is this a case for the equitable interference of the Court? That depends on the proposition that it is within the simple principle of equitable jurisprudence. In this class of cases it must be shown that the action of the Board was either done in the absence of authority or, if they had authority, that it was abused, and is, therefore, unlawful and void. It was objected to the power of the Court that under the Code an injunction is a commandment to refrain from a particular act, and that when the resolutions were passed the old rules of the Board were repealed and the new ones promulgated, and that therefore we must either make new rules, or restore the old ones, which would be rather the office of a *mandamus*; but the pleadings demand no affirmative relief, nor is this a case for a mandatory injunction, so that the Court holds that if the case is within any principle of equitable jurisprudence they have the power to grant the relief, and the defendants were subject to its exercise.

POWER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Had the Board power to pass the resolutions complained of? Is its action prohibited? or has its power been abused? These are the vital inquiries. The defendants cited BLOOM vs. RICHARDS, 2 Ohio State, 387, and McGUIRE vs. WILSON, 8 Ohio State, 771, in which the Supreme Court held that neither Christianity nor any other system of religion was part of the law of Ohio; besides the objection that this was *obiter dicta*, and that the Court overlooked the intimations in two previous cases. It is sufficient to say, that if the pleadings were being framed with a view to mandatory relief, these two cases have no application. The common schools of Cincinnati are in operation under the Constitution of 1851. The seventh section of the Bill of Rights provides that, religion, morality and knowledge, however being essential to good government, it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to pass suitable laws to protect every religious society in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of worship and to encourage schools and the means of instruction. The Legislature has nowhere defined the purposes of the common schools, has not prescribed the text books, nor anything relating to the administration of the system. It is claimed that whatever the Board may choose to omit in reference to conducting the exercises of the schools and the course of study, has been left to their discretion, though it might be constitutional for the Legislature to make the requirements of the old rule in pursuance of the duty enjoined upon them, it being left to the discretion of the Board. That, therefore, to grant the relief would be to usurp the functions of the School Board, and that the difficulty can only be reached by the periodical election of school trustees. But the Legislature has passed suitable laws, and the proposition assumed that the Board under the new resolutions were not to be trusted to re-enter to the construction of the Constitution, for neither the Legislature nor the Board can determine this question.

OBJECTION TO RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Considering these objections in order, we have the following propositions:

First—These provisions of the Constitution tend to the benefit of the population and contain the true philosophy of government.

Second—The State is merely to assume, and originates in God. They are therefore inseparable. The State needs the tenets and enlistment of religious teaching, but nothing more.

Third—The State is not from the legislation for the protection of religious worship, of which every denomination cannot be deprived, in so far as all are taxed to enforce this protection, as well as the burdens of taxation, because it is the duty of church property from taxation. It is in fact all such places and forms of worship against control.

Fourth—The State uses both parts and schools as instrumentalities to secure its end.

Fifth—It is the political value of religion, morality and knowledge which the State proposes to secure and it is only on the ground that we claim for the protection of religious worship and sec. 7 of the Bill of Rights, and the duty of the State to encourage religion, morality and knowledge, that the State can, and does, and will, in every case in which it was held that it was unconstitutional, prohibit the exercise of these same rights.

Sixth—Section 1 article 2 of the Constitution simply provides that no sect or sects shall be incorporated out of the school fund; and it is not claimed that in that sense such a school would follow by any decision of this case.

Seventh—BLOOM vs. RICHARDS and McGUIRE vs. WILSON have no application in this case.

Eighth—We have nothing to do with the consequences of the proper construction of the law. The question is not contested as to what public good, but as we remember different natural rights from the social state. Being vested governments law is the Supreme.

Ninth—We are not to determine the religion, morality and knowledge intended by the Constitution.

Tenth—If we were to pass upon it, we are collective wisdom, &c., in any sense, and make that warranty a manifestation of our religious convictions, these religious would probably not embody them.

Eleventh—The pupils of the high schools read the Holy Bible, and Watts's Hymns, and the Greek Testament, and other is no complaint; nor yet by children whose parents are yet by those who are worse than orphans. The common schools cannot be deprived of the benefit of the Bible, and it would not be better that a portion should be lost in view of the Constitution which we have taken, the resulting of which is, that the Bible is the foundation of our Government, and that Christianity is the prevailing religion in the state. The moral sense of the people is contained in it, and whatever is opposed to it undermines the foundation of our Government. Judge the Supreme Court, in the decision of the Bible does not mean all the sections and the grace that are given and published.

Finally, a thoughtful observer of our individual weakness and imperfection will certainly teach us to cultivate a spirit of mutual forbearance and charity, and we shall the better labor for the elevation of our race, and spread truth and civilization on the earth. The injunction must be made perpetual.

OPINION OF JUDGE STORER.

Judge STORER begin by a brief statement of the case, making prominent the fact that the practice of reading the Bible in the schools began in the city fifty years ago, and had continued ever since; but provision had been made in the time to excuse from that exercise any pupil whose parent or guardian desired it. He continued:

To this rule no offence was taken until in 1869, when the School Board passed these resolutions. The defendants justify this action of the School Board on the ground that they and their wives are not believers in the Bible; that the members of the Catholic Church do not believe the St. James version is correct and complete, and that others are, by disbelief, precluded by conscience from attending the schools. We take all cognizance of the past history, and all discussion of authenticity and authority of the Scriptures. Nothing is gained by the assertion that the Bible is not the revealed will of God. This is the same weapon that is always used by the disciples of unbelief in the plausible inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. We therefore, are referred to portentous by Christians. There never can be any just denial of the truth by showing the inconsistency of those who profess to know and teach it. Separated from all irrelevant matter, the propositions are: Had the defendants, in the exercising of their discretion, the legal right to declare that the Bible should not be read in the schools? If no such power existed, may this Court restrain the Board? The provision of the Constitution recognizes the existence of the Supreme Being, but gives no preference to sects. The protection is given to religious worship; we may worship as we please, and the law applies to those who, like the Athenians, worship the unknown God. It is the Christian religion that is recognized by the Constitution. The Legislature sustained this view, by exempting the family Bible from execution, by providing that children, whose parents, if they with one, that a Bible shall be in the hands of every inmate of a jail, penitentiary and reformatory institution. All this is at the public expense, and it is now claimed that the Bible cannot be read in the common schools. Nay, more, one class of people in our Country by justice are supplied with copies of the Bible, and it is only from the common schools that it is sought to be expelled, thus making them the only exception to the general recognition of the Bible as the exponent of morality and religion. The lowest view we can take of the religion contemplated by the Constitution, is that which acknowledges a Supreme Being; not literature of the imagination, but as revealed in our consciences and the worship of that Being. We conclude that the revealed religion of the Bible is that which is meant by the Constitution, and has been recognized by the Constitution and the legislation of the General Assembly. On no other ground can blasphemy be made criminal.

THE TRUE RELIGION.

The defendants claim that the instruction preferred to in this bill of rights means the cultivation of the sense of right and wrong, and that the only religion meant by that instrument is written on human nature. This was a bold proposition, and hard to sustain on any other ground than that of the Indian, justified in the necessity, the sacrifice of the Hindoo widow or the cannibalism of the South Sea Islanders. Without the teachings of the Bible we have no unvarying code of morals or of human duty; but the defendants say the natural conscience is to be developed. What is the process? Is the high and holy motive to be preceded to the point of being deprived of the teachings of the Bible? By this rule there would be no standard, and every man would be a law unto himself. The strife of opinion would be uncontrolled, and the moral power of the country would be dependent on individual caprice. It is not alleged in the assertion that the Bible leads to sectarianism; this is the work of man, not of God. The Scriptures teach we are all of one origin; but the human lesson is different. We learn from the Bible to forgive injuries; not so in the profoundest systems of human philosophy. A volume that teaches immortality cannot teach exclusiveness.

IS READING THE BIBLE WORSHIP?

The reading of the Bible is not an act of worship. The lessons chosen are naturally those tending to elevate the mind and soul and heart. Its effect is to calm the mind and give wholesome lessons in moral rectitude. No religious test is required, no act of worship, no sectarianism. These resolutions are a sweeping edict, and leave the pupils not only without a hope, but without a God. Not even natural religion may be taught. If a pupil asks about God, he may be referred to geology, but not to Genesis. If one asks why the Sabbath is observed, the teacher must ask permission of the Board of Education before the question can be answered. In the whole case we conclude that we have complete jurisdiction; that the case presents a proper case for our interference; that the powers of the defendants have been transcended; that their action is *ultra vires* and void, and the injunction must be made perpetual.

DISSENTING OPINION.

Judge TAFFT followed with a dissenting opinion treating separately the two resolutions passed by the School Board, the first of which enacts a new rule prohibiting all religious instruction, and the second, repealing an old rule, does away with the reading of the Bible with appropriate singing as an opening exercise.

That the Board has acted within its legal power is evident from the fact, first, that while the Constitution, holding religion, morality and knowledge to be essential to good government, devolves the duty on the General Assembly, laws to encourage schools and the means of instruction upon the General Assembly, it neither prescribes the kind of instruction, nor that religious instruction shall be given in all the schools encouraged, or in any of them, but leaves the whole matter to the discretion of the Legislature; and second, from the fact that the Legislature, in the exercise of its unlimited discretion, in issuing the law establishing the common schools, does not prescribe the kind of instruction to be given in them, but leaves the whole matter for the Board of Education; and so far from associating the idea of special religious instruction with them, expressly prohibited any sect or sects from having any control of the school fund. But the Bill of Rights, in asserting "religion" together with "morality and knowledge," to be essential to good government, evidently means religion in the broad sense of reverence and love towards God and Christ, towards men. As a means of encouraging the cultivation of this sentiment, it directs the General Assembly to pass suitable laws, both to protect every religious denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of worship, and as encourage the schools and means of instruction, but it does not appear that either the framers of the Constitution, or the Legislature, acting under its authority, ever thought that any special religious instruction in the schools was necessary to secure religion. As there is nothing to show that they held instruction in secular knowledge to be godless or conducive to irreligion and immorality, they may be presumed to have regarded all secular knowledge as promoting morals and religion. Especially is there nothing to show that they thought it necessary to give special religious instruction in the common schools, for the Bill of Rights does not even specify the kind of schools to be encouraged. The argument for special religious instruction in the common schools, under this clause, would make special religious instruction a necessary part of the instruction in all schools of whatever character. Judge TAFFT therefore held, in regard to the first resolution, that the defendants appear to have acted, in the adoption of this first rule, with due respect for the rights and opinions of all the people known to be benefited by the common school; that the rule is not in conflict with the seventh section of the Bill of Rights by the law and natural conscience of the people; and that if the Constitution were doubtful, the General Assembly, in which the duty of determining what were suitable laws under said section, has performed its duty by passing the Common School laws, and has thereby made a decision from which there is no appeal except to the people; that the laws are suitable laws to encourage the common schools; that it is our duty to ascertain what these School laws are, and abide by them, as we cannot change them or make others even what they ought to be, and that the School laws thus ascertained confer on the Board of Education complete discretionary power over the government and management of the common schools, including the power to adopt this rule, which is not in conflict with any law or constitutional provision. In regard to the second resolution, Judge TAFFT said that as the School Board, using the discretion conferred upon it, many years ago, adopted the rule requiring the opening of the schools with reading from the King James version and appropriate singing, it was not transcending its discretion in repealing said law, and therefore the County could not interfere.

THE COMPLAINT OF THE CATHOLICS AND JEWS.

The plaintiffs claim that the Bible cannot be regarded as a sectarian book, and that no one's conscience can be offended by the use of it; but in the case of the Catholics, whose children are entitled to the use of the common schools, are about two-fifths of the whole number attending the schools, we are not at liberty to doubt the honesty of their conscientious scruples when the said Catholics prefer to forego their rights to the joint use of the common schools and to erect and support schools of their own rather than subject their children to the influence of what they regard as a dangerous religious error. They are practically punished for their conscientious scruples every year to the extent of $200,000 in being deprived of the use of their proportion of the school fund. It is said that the Catholics will never be satisfied with their own system if the opening exercises be dispensed with; but this would not justify the Board of Education or the Court in withholding what is due, because something else is asked. Another numerous class of heavy taxpayers, the Jews, object to the opening exercises as offending their consciences, although they use the common schools; they have not waived their right to make this objection. It cannot be said that the Bill of Rights has simply the Protestant Christian religion in view, for the State allows no difference between any of the various forms of religion, provided they conform to the civil regulations. The cases of BLOOM vs. RICHARDS, 2 Ohio S. Rep. 387, and McGUIRE vs. WILSON, O. S. Rep. 771, which Judge TAFFT quoted at length, show this: The framers of the present Constitution of Ohio were jealous of the sectarian influence of sects, and therefore expressly provided against their introducing their forms of worship upon one another, or any of them ever having any exclusive right to or control of the school funds. It is a characteristic of sectarians to ignore the constitutional provisions of society; but the idea that a man has less conscience because he is a rationalist, spiritualist, or even an atheist, is not a constitutional idea in the State of Ohio. Nor can any sect, because it includes a majority of the citizens, or any number or the united sects constitute such a majority claim any preference whatever so long as there is a minority which does not agree with them. They cannot claim that their religion is unsectar

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The Exchange Salesroom was filled yesterday at 12 o'clock by a crowd attracted thither by the announcement of several important sales of real estate by some of the leading auctioneers who operate at that place. The principal sales were made by MULLER, WILKINS & CO., JAMES M. MILLER, ROBERTS & MCGUIRE and A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. Although there was a large attendance, and considerable interest was displayed in the sales, there was no great spirit shown in the bidding, and several lots of property which were offered for sale were either withdrawn or bid in, and the prices obtained were not regarded as very satisfactory.

The first property disposed of by MULLER, WILKINS & CO. was a four-story brick store, 24 x76 feet, on a lot 24x100 feet, situated on south side of Front-street, between Fletcher-street and Burling-slip, known as No. 105 Front-street, which brought $34,500. Next was a lot of land with a four-story brick store on the north side of South-street, between Catharine and Market streets, and known as No. 205. The lot was 20 feet by 72.4, and the store 20 feet by 60. The entire property sold for $12,000. Both these establishments belonged to the estate of ABRAHAM VALENTINE, deceased, and were sold by order of his executor, SAMUEL M. VALENTINE, Esq. The same firm sold for the executor of JONAS CONKLING, deceased, the store and lot No. 80 Cortlandt-street, for $20,300. The lot is 24 feet by 256, and the store five stories high, with a brownstone front. No. 42 Vesey-street, consisting of a vacant lot, 25 feet by 82, with strong party walls running up five stateroom each side, was sold for $16,000. The same auctioneers then put up four lots on Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, between Avenues B and C, but they were not sold. They also offered two houses and lots in Brooklyn, but sold only one of them, No. 5 Tompkins-place, which consists of a lot 24 feet by 115, with a three-story high-stoop brick house. This brought $10,200.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. had announced the sale of twelve lots on Eleventh-avenue, near Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets, but owing to a lack of spirit in the bidding only five of them were disposed of. Two lots on the west side of Eleventh-avenue, above Sixty-eighth-street, one of them occupied by a house, sold for $2,000 each. Two lots on the west side of Eleventh-avenue, above Sixty-eighth-street, one of them occupied by a house, sold for $2,500 each. One lot on the southeast corner of Eleventh-avenue and Sixty-eighth-street, brought $4,400.

JAMES M. MILLER sold a plot on the northwest corner of Broadway and Thirty-fifth-street, 25.7 feet on Broadway by 100 feet on Thirty-fifth-street, known as No. 1 Herald-square, for $75,500. The property is divided as follows: Corner lot, 25 by 75 feet, with five-story and basement brick building; lot adjacent to this on Broadway, 40 feet by about 75, with two-story brick building; lot on Thirty-fifth-street in the rear of these two, 25 feet by 75, with three-story frame building; and the lot adjacent on the last, 25 feet front and 75 feet deep, (as nearly as can be made out from the obscure description of the auctioneer.)

ROBERTS & MCGUIRE disposed of the tenement house property Nos. 655, 657 and 657 West Thirty-fifth-street. Each lot is 18 feet by 81 feet 6 inches, and is nearly covered by a four-story brick house. They brought $9,300 each. The same firm sold, by order of the Supreme Court, in partition, and under the direction of ANDREW J. SMITH, referee, the premises on the northeast corner of Prince-street and Macdougal, consisting of a lot 25.4x77 feet, with a two-story brick house on the corner, known as No. 207 Prince-street, and a three-story brick house on the opposite end of the lot, known as No. 26 Macdougal-street, and the yard between these two buildings, the whole bringing the sum of $30,200.

TRAVERS & SHEAR sold, by order of W. C. FLANAGAN, trustee, at L-shaped plot of land on Pitt-street, 25.5 feet front and 100 feet deep on the unbroken side and 75.7 feet across the rear, the L portion in the rear being 28.3 feet by 37.10 feet. On the front, or narrow portion, there are two three-story brick houses, and on the broad portion in the rear, three four-story brick houses. The whole property brought $37,500. The same parties disposed of a lot on Sixty-third-street, between Madison and Fourth avenues, for $6,000.

STANLEY DAY sold a three-story brick house on the south side of Thirty-fifth-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, for $16,150. This sale was made by order of the executor of MARGARET CARTER, and the property is now under a lease for $1,500 per annum, which expires on the 1st of May, 1871.

We find advertised for sale to-day, by MULLER, WILKINS & CO., the two-story and attic brick house on Wooster-street, between Bleecker and Amity, known as No. 220. Other sales will be made by the same firm, and by ROBERTS & MCGUIRE.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK.

By A. H. Muller, P. B. Wilkins & Co.

Store and lot, No. 105 Front-st., s. s., 27.11 ft. w. of Fletcher-st., 24x105.5 ..... $34,500
Store and lot, No. 205 South-st., s. s., 24 ft. w. of Catharine-st., 24.11x100 12,000
Store and lot, No. 80 Cortlandt-st., s. s., 21.2 ft. e. of Greenwich-st., 21x125 20,300
Lot, No. 44 Vesey-st., n. s., 25x100.5 16,000

By James M. Miller.

Plot of ground, with buildings, n. w. cor. Broadway and 35th-st., 25.7x100.5x21x112.10 ..... $131,500

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

House and two lots w. s. of 11th-av., 50 ft. n. of 68th-st., 50x100 ..... $11,400
Lots w. s. 11th-av., 25 ft. s. of 68th-st., each 25x100, each $4,200 7,000
Lot s. e. cor. 11th-av. and 68th-st., 25x100 4,400

By Roberts & McGuire.

3 houses and lots, n. s. 36th-st., 125.5 ft. e. of 11th-av., each 16x21.4, each 5,500 ..... $11,700
Lot and buildings, s. e. corner Prince and Macdougal-sts., 25.5x77 26,200

By Stanley Day.

Plot of ground, with buildings, w. s. 9th-av., 140 feet n. of Gansevoort, 25.8x100.7x27.10x irreg. $27,500
Lot n. s. 43d-st., 100 ft. w. of 4th-av., 25x100.5 6,000

By Stanley Day.

H. and J., s. s., 50 ft. e. of 9th-av., 25x 98.5 ..... $10,150

BROOKLYN.

By Muller, Wilkins & Co.

H. and J., No. 6 Tompkins-place, n. s., 145 ft. e. of Hicks-st., 25x115 ..... $10,200

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK CITY.

John-st., s. s., 24.5 ft. e. of Nassau-st., 24.5x97.8. $7,225
Houston-st., s. s., 22.2 ft. w. of Pitt-st., 24 and 1., 20x100 10,000
Lease 12,000
Livingston-st., s. s., 60.2 ft. w. of Attorney-st., 20 x50, h. and l. 10,000
West 10th-st., n. s., 22.6 ft. w. of Greenwich-st., h. and l., 27x100 9,000
28th-st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x100.4. Lease 1,000
40th-st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of 3d-av., 25x98.9. Lease 21,000
40th-st., s. s., 300 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x100.5. 2 leases 14,500
69th-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of 11th-av., 20x100.5 1,000
Lease, 60 ft. w. of 11th-av., 20x100.5 ..... Bonus
Madison-av., w. s., 50 ft. n. of 27th-st., 25x100 15,000
2d-av., w. s., 112.5 ft. n. of 20th-st., 22x100 15,000
8th-av., s. s., 77.2 ft. e. of 30th-st., 22x100 16,000
8th-av., s. s., 23 ft. e. of 30th-st., 23x100 12,000
8th-av. and 30th-st., n. w. corner, thence n. 100x irreg. 45,000
Same property 52,000

Lease Granted.

Stanton-st., No. 60.2 years, per year $6,000
Broadway, No. 827, first floor, 5 years, per year 6,000
2d-av., No. 58, 3 years, per year 1,050
4th-av., No. 60, rear room, 2 years 600
Lexington-av., s. s., whole front between 41st and 42d-sts., 100 feet, adjoining on 41st-st., 200 feet; 6 lots on 42d-st., 200 feet, per year 3,000

KINGS COUNTY.

Carlton-st., s. s., 127 ft. n. of Park-st., 21.10x80 ..... $2,000
Carroll and Court sts., n. w. corner, 50x100, h. and l. G. 100
Concord-st., s. s., 147.9 ft. w. of Hamilton-av., 22x 100 (error in deed) 800
Debevoise-st., s. s., 25.10 ft. e. of Albany-st., 19.8x 100.5x irreg. 1,000
Herkimer-st., s. s., 75.9 ft. w. of Court-st., 25x1.8, h. and l. 100
Herkimer-st., s. s., 75 ft. w. of Court-st., 25x1.8, h. and l. 100
Herkimer-st., s. s., 50 ft. w. of Court-st., 25x1.8 x100 100
Kent-st., s. s., 275 ft. e. of Reid-av., 25x100 3,000
Newton-st., s. s., 275 ft. e. of Union-av., 50x100 2,000
Raymond-st., s. s., 306.5 ft. e. of Bedford-av., 25x 100 1,000
Union-st., s. s., 300 ft. e. of Hoyt-st., 25x18.5x irr. 1,000
Wallabout-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Marcy-av., 25x 100 4,000
Warren-st., s. s., 182.2 ft. w. of Bedford-av., 20x100, h. and l. 10,000
Wyona-st., s. s., 194.7 ft. e. of 6th-av., 20x100 1,000
2d and South 2d sts., s. s. corner, 50x120x irreg. 4,400
2d-st., s. s., 25 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x100 800
2d-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x100 800
2d-st., s. s., 225 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x100 800
Carlton-av., w. s., 100 ft. n. of DeKalb-av., 25x100, h. and l. 4,500
Greene-av., w. s., 50 ft. n. of Myrtle-st., 25x100 800
Greene-av., w. s., 100 ft. n. of Hancock-st., 25x 100, h. and l. 7,500
Kent-av., w. s., 100 ft. n. of Myrtle-st., 25x100 1,000
Herkimer-st., s. s., 50 ft. w. of Howard-av., 25x 100 1,000
Marcy-av., e. s., 50 ft. n. of Middleton-st., 25x100 1,000
Union and Middleton sts., s. w. corner, Union-st., s. s., 25 ft. w. of Marcy-av., 25x100 ..... 25 lots 5,775
Wythe-av., e. s., 50 ft. n. of Willoughby-st., 25x 100, house and l. 7,500
Flatbush, annexed area, adjoining Avenue J and E. LOVE, STREET-STREET, EXTR., add to City for park extension, q. c. 100

QUEENS COUNTY.

College Point.

Lafayette-st., s. s., 102.2 ft. e. of Fulton-st., 25x 100 ..... $80

Newtown.

Clinton and Commercial sts., n. e. corner, 50x100, h. and l. $4,000

Jamaica.

Part of Capenel farm, 5 acres $400

Cedar Bog.

Mill River Hollow road, n. e., adjoining Covert, 72½ acres, Fuller's $10,000

Woodside.

River-av., s. s., lot No. 202, 25x100 ..... $300

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Mount Pleasant.

Sleepy Hollow road, w. s., adjoining J. E. Snow, 16 acres $1,600

West Farms.

Fairmount-av., s. s., part lot No. 92, 50x100 ..... [illegible]

34-av., s. s., lots Nos. 120 and 122, Morris Estate, 100x100 300

Westchester.

3d-st. and Avenue C, s. e. corner, 100x200 ..... [illegible]

Bronx.

Brook-st., s. s., 50 ft. e. of Tremont-st., 25x 140 ..... $2,000
Cedar-st., s. s., 50 ft. e. of Tremont-st., 25x 100 1,000
Lorraine-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Tremont-st., 25x100 800
Marion-st., s. s., 50 ft. e. of Brook-st., 25x100 1,000
Prince-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Webster-st., 25x 100 2,000
Orange and Hoyt sts., s. e. corner, six school houses 7,500
Smith-st., s. s., adjoining A. Bennett est. 25x 97 1,000
Webster and Third streets, s. e. corner, 50x 51.75x 4,000
Walton-st., s. s., W. Young to Thos. H. Smith, 25x100 1,200
Harlem River and the Old Boston road, q. c. 800

Morrisania.

Railroad-av., s. e. s., 25 ft. n. of W. Cowper, 25x 84x100 ..... $1,100
Hall's property, 54.8x100.2 800

Claton.

Bremner-st., s. s., 325 ft. e. of Spring-st., 25x 125 ..... $400
Union-av., w. s., 50 ft. n. of A. Day's property, 50 x175 1,000

Great Dummy.

H. K. Adams' property, 5.87x100 acres $10,000

Greenville.

Gregory-st., n. s., lots 21, 23 to 31, inclusive, block No. 1, Henry Reinhardt's $2,600

Morris Park.

Bull's Ferry road, w. s., adjoining J. F. Amatrix, 50x100 ..... $300

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East 30th-st., d. b. h. b. h. b. h. East 31st-st., d. b. h. b. h.
West 31st-st., d. b. h. b. h. b. h. East 32d-st., d. b. h. b. h.
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A HOUSE FOR SALE—NO. 213 WEST 23d-st., between 7th and 8th avs., four stories, English basement, with all the modern improvements; has just been put in complete order; possession immediately; a liberal amount can remain on bond and mortgage; for terms and particulars, call on JOSIAH S. LEVERETT, No. 35 John-st.

FOR SALE—VERY CHEAP—A FOUR-STORY brown-stone English-basement house on 125th-st., near 3d-av., (without the stock, all in perfect order; price asked $27,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

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FOR SALE, ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, A new, first-class brown-stone house, No. 64 Jorolemon-st., two minutes walk from South or Wall-st. ferries; size 20x50; lot 100 feet; three stories, basement, cellar and attic, with French roof; all modern improvements, open every day. Apply to E. M. DAY, builder, No. 3 Sidney-place, near Court.

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AT LESS THAN OMNIBUS FARE.

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China, Wednesday, Feb. 23 | Africa, Thursday, Mch 10
Tarifa, Thursday, Feb. 24 | Scotia, Wednesday, Mch 16
Cuba, Wednesday, Mch 2 | Palmyra, Thursday, Mch 17
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By the Wednesday steamers, not carrying steerage.
First Cabin ... $80, gold. Second Cabin ... $60, gold.
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LAFAYETTE ... Rousiau ... SATURDAY, Mar. 19
FEREIRE ... Duchesne ... SATURDAY, April 2
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These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
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The Liverpool and Great Western Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 6 A. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE, Saturday, Feb. 19, 6 A. M.
CITY OF CORK, via Halifax, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 10 A. M.
CITY OF BROOKLYN ... Saturday, Feb. 26, 1 P. M.
and each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE
BY THE MAIL STEAMS SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Steerage Cabin	$100	Steerage	$35
To London	105	To London	40
To Paris	115	To Paris	47

PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMER, VIA HALIFAX.

FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD.		STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Liverpool	$80	Liverpool	$30
Halifax	20	Halifax	10
St. John's, N. F., by } Branch Steamer, }	40	St. John's, N. F., by } Branch Steamer, }	15

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THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class steamships from Liverpool for NEW-YORK, PIER NO. 47 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY, as follows:
MANHATTAN, Captain Forsyth ... Feb. 16, at 5 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Captain Price ... Feb. 23, at noon.
IDAHO, Captain Cutting ... March 2, at 7 P. M.
NEVADA, Captain Grace ... Mar. 9, at 9 A. M.
COLORADO, Captain Williams ... Mar. 16, at 3 P. M.
NEBRASKA, Captain Guard ... Mar. 23, at 11 A. M.
Cabin passage, $80 gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 2 Broadway,) $30 currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 69 Wall-st.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND LONDONDERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Favorite Clyde-built passenger Steamers are to be dispatched as usual as follows:
ANGLIA ... Feb. 26 | EUROPA ... Mar. 5
IOWA ... Feb. 19 | INDIA ... Mar. 12
COLUMBIA ... Feb. 26 | CALEDONIA ... Mar. 19
and each SUCCEEDING SATURDAY, from Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock.
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY, viz.:
Cabin, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $80 and $70.
Excursion, to Liverpool, $135 and $120.
Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $35.
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Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100 and $80. Steerage, $30.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $27, currency.
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THROUGH LINE TO
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FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
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according to location of berth.
These rates include bedding, board and all necessaries for the trip.
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ON THE 2D AND 18TH OF EACH MONTH,
except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Mortgages and Exchange for sale on the Company's Agencies.
Ship ALASKA, Captain Carey, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Captain Parker, leaves Panama with the 1st and 16th of each month, for China and Japan.
Freight for ALASKA received until 4 P. M. on SATURDAY, Feb. 19. All usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply at the office, Pier No. 42 North River.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Sailing every Tuesday and THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
MORRO CASTLE, Captain E. ADAMS, Feb. 17.
COLUMBUS, Captain H. VAN BRIM, vis Nassau, Feb. 24.
MISSOURI, Captain M. B. GREENE, March 3.
For freight or passage apply to R. O. WHEELER, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. Tenbrunsel, Feb. 23.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. Crowell, March 23.
MERRIMACK, Capt. Wier, April 23.
These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

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CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
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SAN SALVADOR, Captain NEERSON, SATURDAY, Feb. 19, from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M.
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MONTGOMERY, Captain FARNSLOTH, SATURDAY, Feb. 26, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M.
E. LOWDER, Agent, No. 10 Wall-st.

LEO, Captain PEARSONS, TUESDAY, Feb. 22, from Pier No. 8 East River, at 3 P. M.
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For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 15 Liberty-st.

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On SATURDAY, Feb. 19, from Pier No. 38 North River, at 3 P. M. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile.
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Persons going to Paris, who can afford the time, or those of Europe, who can afford the money, should take their route through Paris without fail; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles. Supplying information, assistance and convenience of baggage, selecting the best accommodations, and on leaving the traveling from inspection, and on leaving of baggage, when to which they are shipped in various parts of the Continent. Office, Cornelius-st., Paris. Persons and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 8 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

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HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.
Trains leave 30th-st. as follows:
6:00 A. M. Cincinnati and Chicago express, drawing-room cars attached.
10:30 A. M., day express, drawing-room cars attached.
4:00 P. M. Mail and express, drawing-room cars attached.
6:00 P. M. Pacific mail, with sleeping cars through to Chicago without change, via N. Y. Central, Lake S. S. and M. S. Railroad. (daily.)
11:30 P. M. night express, sleeping cars attached.
7:00 A. M., 3:00 and 5:30 P. M. Poughkeepsie trains.
8:00 A. M., 4:30 and 11 P. M. Yonkers trains.
1:30 and 5:30 P. M. Sing Sing trains.
7:00, 7:30, 9:10 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:30, 5:10, 7 and 11:00 P. M. Tarrytown trains.
(6:00 A. M. to Poughkeepsie on Sundays.)
Nov. 15, 1869. J. M. TOUCEY, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS WILL LEAVE DEPOT at foot of Chambers-st. and foot of 23d-st., as follows:
Through Express trains leave Chambers-st. at 6 A. M., 10 A. M. and 8 P. M. (daily.) Leave 23d-st. at 7:45 A. M., 12 M. and 6:15 P. M. (daily.) Hero and improved Drawing-room Coaches will accompany the 8 A. M. train through to Buffalo, connecting at Hornellsville with magnificent Sleeping Coaches through to Chicago. Also, Pacific Express Sleeping Coaches will accompany the 10 A. M. train from Susquehanna to Buffalo, and the 6:30 P. M. train to Rochester, Buffalo and Cincinnati. An Emigrant train leaves daily at 8 P. M. Way trains leave Jersey City and Way, 8:30 A. M., 12:30 P. M., 3:30 and 4:15 P. M. Orange County Express, (Sundays excepted), connecting for Warwick, Montgomery, Guilford, Pine Island and Unionville.
For Middletown and Way, at 8:30 P. M., (23d-st. 8:15 P. M.)
For Otisville and Way at 8:30 A. M. daily, (23d-st. 8:15 A. M.)
For Newburg and Way at 8 A. M., 3:30 and 4:30 P. M., (23d-st. 7:45 A. M., 3:15 and 4:15 P. M.)
For Suffern and Way, 8 P. M. and 3 P. M.; (23d-st. 4:45 and 8:45 P. M.) Theatre train, 12:30 P. M., (23d-st. 11 P. M.)
For Paterson and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 6:30 A. M., 9:35 A. M., 11:30 A. M., 1:45 P. M., (daily.) 3:45 P. M., 4:15 P. M. and 6:45 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 7 A. M., 9 A. M., 11 A. M., 1:45 P. M., (daily.) 4 P. M., 6:15 P. M. and 8:45 P. M.
For Hackensack and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 6:30 A. M., 10:45 A. M., 3:45 P. M., 6:15 P. M., 8:45 P. M. and 11:30 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 7 A. M., 12 M., 4 P. M., 6:15 P. M., 8 P. M. and 8:45 P. M.
For Piermont, Monsey and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 6 A. M., 9:35 A. M., 3:45 P. M., 4:15 P. M. (daily.) 8:45 P. M. and 11:30 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 7 A. M., 12 M., 4 P. M., 6:15 P. M., 8 P. M. and 8:45 P. M.
For Greenwood, Otisville and Way, at 8:30 A. M. daily, (23d-st. 8:15 A. M.)
For Warwick and Way, at 3 P. M. daily, (23d-st. 2:45 P. M.)
Tickets and baggage checked through from Hoboken to all points in the interior.
Sleeping Coaches from Jersey City and Chambers-st. Ferry to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Suspension Bridge.
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Via Fall River, touching at Newport.
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The splendid steamers
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FOR BRIDGEPORT, AND ALL points on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

FOR NEW HAVEN, HARTFORD, ETC.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 12th day of A. D. 1870, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of JOSEPH P. HOWARD, of the City, County and State of New-York, and EDWARD T. HOWARD, of Brooklyn, in the County of Kings and State of New-York, who have been adjudged bankrupts on their own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupts, to them or either of them, or to their use, and the transfer of any property by them or either of them, is forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupts, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 44 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, before John Fitch, Register, on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1870, at 12 o'clock M.
S. R. HARLOW, U. S. Marshal, as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ARCHIBALD M. SMITH, of the City of New-York, Bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court by Archibald M. Smith and Joseph Pentz in said district, duly declared bankrupts under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge from all debts provable under said act, and that the 22d day of February, 1870, at 10 o'clock M., at the office of James P. Dwight, Esq., Register, in Bankruptcy, No. 2 Business-place, corner of Nassau, in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.—Dated New-York, the 1st day of February, 1870.
GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.
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IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WINTHROP E. MILTON, bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said court by Winthrop E. Milton, of the City of New-York, in said district, duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 22d day of February, 1870, at 11 o'clock P. M., at the office of Josiah T. Williams, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 2 Broadway, in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.—Dated New-York, the 2d day of January, 1870.
GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of SIMON COHEN and AARON BEECH, bankrupts.—In bankruptcy.—Notice is hereby given that a second and third meeting of the creditors of the above named bankrupts will be held on the day of March, 1870, at 12 M., at No. 97 Broadway, in the City of New-York, in said district, before Josiah T. Williams, one of the Registers in bankruptcy of said Court, for the purpose mentioned in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sections of the act of Congress, entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, approved March 2, 1867.
JOHN M. ETTIS, Assignee.

REWARDS.

$5,000 REWARD.
The following cable dispatch has been received by the undersigned, who will pay the above reward on the delivery to them of the notes referred to:
The Stolen $10,000 Bank of England notes, including eight of $1,000 each, dated October, 1869; $5,000 reward; payment stopped.
Signed in London.
BARNETTS, HOARES, HANBURYS & CO.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL.
Nos. 54 and 55 South-st.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO YOUNG women; one as cook and assist in the washing and ironing; the other as nurse and sewing; is a responsible private family; best City references; can be seen for two days at No. 146 West 26th-st., office floor, front room.

WANTED—BY A THOROUGH COOK, WITH excellent City references, a situation in a private family or genteel boarding-house; makes pastry, soups and jellies; an excellent baker; does the coarse washing; wages $18. Call at No. 149 East 26th-st., near 3d-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as chambermaid in a first-class boarding house or private family; is willing to assist with the washing and ironing; the best of City references given. Call at No. 161 East 25th-st., Room No. 7, between 2d and 3d-avs., rear house.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as first-class cook; understands cooking in all its branches; is an expert and artistic cook; stands all kinds of domestic, and would assist in plain washing; best City references. Can be seen at No. 102 West 35th-st., Room No. 14.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A MIDDLE-aged Protestant, as companion and housekeeper to an invalid, City or country; is an excellent nurse; is an accomplished lady; has a good knowledge of the world; has been used to travelling; best of references given. Call for two days at No. 108 Bronome-st., near Hudson-st.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS, some gentleman's washing or ladies' washing at her own home, or during; can give good recommendation. Can be seen at No. 201 Bleecker-st., between 6th and 7th-avs., third door, front room.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT A situation as thorough chambermaid in a private family; is a good plain sewer; no objections to country. City references. Call for two days at No. 128 East 22d-st., near 3d-av., next to livery stable.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as chambermaid; is a first-class dressmaker; can do plain sewing; is willing to assist with the washing and ironing, if required; has no objection to the country; can give the best of City reference. Apply for two days at No. 45 20th-st., near Broadway.

WANTED—BY A SUPERIOR INFANT'S nurse, with five years City references from her employers, a situation; is a good plain sewer; would take care of an invalid lady or gentleman; quiet at the month. Call at No. 149 East 26th-st., near 3d-av.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED SEAMstress and operator on Wheeler & Wilson's machine, a few more engagements by the day; can do all kinds of family sewing; cutting and fitting. Address Miss M. HUGHSTON, No. 423 West 41st-st.

WANTED.—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN would like to engage a few gentlemen's or families' washing; can do French fluting; good reference. Call or address Mrs. CARR, at No. 304 East 26th-st., in the alley.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as good cook in a private family; willing to do plain sewing and ironing; might be made available; no objection to the country. Call for two days at No. 162 West 27th-st.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT, a situation as thorough chambermaid in a private family; is a good plain sewer; no objections to the country. City references. Call for two days at No. 128 2d-av., near 16th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as first-class cook; is thoroughly experienced; no objection to assist with the washing and ironing; will be found trustworthy; good City references. Call at No. 249 West 17th-st.

WANTED—BY A NEAT, COMPETENT WOman, a situation as a good plain cook; understands washing, ironing, poultry and game, soups, pastry and wood; has superior references. Call at No. 159 West 29th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook; understands it in all its branches; is neat in her kitchen; prefers a private family; City references. Call for two days at No. 200 West 35th-st., near 7th-av., first floor, back room.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, to do all the washing of some respectable families; can do fluting in the most improved style; best of City references given. Call for two days at No. 304 3d-av., between 20th and 21st-sts.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as chambermaid and plain sewer; has been used to travelling; best of City references. Call for two days at No. 104 4th-av., second floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO ATTEND AN invalid lady and sew; can give a number of years references in the best families. Address E., Box No. 144 Times Office, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A FIRST-class cook, who understands her business; is a good baker, and will assist in the washing and ironing; has the best of references. Call at No. 123 West 23d-st., rear building.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK, A situation; understands all kinds of English cooking, soups, lard, &c.; has the best of City references. The lady can be seen at No. 1,236 Broadway, second floor, near 32d-st.

WANTED—BY A NEAT, COMPETENT WOman, a situation as cook; can make bread, pastry, stands meats, poultry and game, soups, pastry and bread; has superior reference. Call at No. 249 West 27th-st.

WANTED—A NURSE AND SEAMSTRESS, a highly-recommended and efficient Protestant woman (about 35); is an experienced nurse and excellent seamstress; understands the cutting, &c. Call at No. 225 4th-av., near No. 18th.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN AMERICAN Protestant woman as seamstress and take care of grown children; is capable and well recommended; country preferred. Apply at No. 340 4th-av., corner 30th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PERSON, a situation as chambermaid and plain sewer. Can be seen at her present employers, No. 29 East 19th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHAMBERmaid and waitress by a respectable girl; is willing and obliging; first-class references from last place. Call or address No. 205 West 27th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG girl as chambermaid and waitress; would take care of children; is willing to assist with the sewing; best of City references. Call at 232 East 26th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as chambermaid and seamstress; the best of City references can be given. Can be seen at No. 503 7th-av.

WANTED—A PROTESTANT WOMAN AS child's nurse in the country; must have unexceptional references. Call on Thursday, Feb. 17, from 11 to 2, at No. 145 Madison-av., New-York.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable Protestant woman as nurse; understands French fluting, fine muslins, &c.; has good City references. Apply at No. 340 4th-av., corner 26th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COOK IN A private family; an excellent bread and pastry cook; references from last employers. No. 149 West 26th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation as chambermaid and waitress; good City reference. Call for two days at No. 154 West 19th-st., second floor, front room.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHAMBERmaid and waitress in a private family; good references. Call at No. 209 7th-av., between 21st and 22d sts., top floor, back room, for two days.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL, A place as seamstress; would assist with chamber-work or children. Inquire at No. 227 West 41st-st., in the basement.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PLAIN Protestant woman, lately landed, as chambermaid and waitress. Call at No. 145 East 18th-st.

AT ROOM 58, 706 BROADWAY, NO. 320 4TH-AV., NEW-York, for country or City, a large number of recommended good Protestant and other cooks, experienced nurses, seamstresses, waitresses, chambermaids, housekeepers, housework girls, &c.

A LADY ACCUSTOMED TO COPYING Ladies' and Gents' French Kid, light and dark, reduced to 62 cents; children's 25, 50, 75; lots of White Kid, reduced to 50 cents. 707 BROADWAY, only 3 DOORS ABOVE 4TH-AV., corner of 4th-st.

GERMAN, AMERICAN AND FRENCH servants our specialty, and with Protestant and Catholic Irish constantly on hand. No. 128 6th-av., near 18th-st.

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WANTED—IN THE COUNTRY OR CITY, A situation as cook, washer and ironer; is a capable person, with good City references. Apply at No. 1,264 Broadway, near 32d-st., second floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant girl as chambermaid and laundress, or waiting. Call at No. 427 West 37th-st., rear.

MALES.

WANTED—BY A MARRIED MAN, A SITUAtion as head gardener; has been fifteen years in America; is competent to take charge of a first-class private place; is a first-class and skillful propagator; and has been employed as foreman for one of the best florist and fruit nursery establishments in the Western States. Address M. G., No. 9 Rutgers-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and gardener by a married man; no children; understands his business; is a temperate man; is well generally useful; has the best of recommendations; country preferred; capable of taking entire charge of a gentleman's place. Address THOMAS, Hywood Post Office, on the Hudson.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by a respectable man; is a capable driver and gardener; has been for ten years in the best situations in England; can come highly recommended; is willing and obliging. Call at No. 1,235 Broadway, in the harness store.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a married man, who thoroughly understands the cultivation of vegetables and flowers; has had long practice in cold and hot houses; the best references; his wife can take care of dairy if required. Address P. H., Box No. 317 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS farmer, farm manager, or superintendent of a gentleman's place, by an active young American man, who has been used to the management of farms, and thoroughly understands farming and stock raising in all the branches; first-class references. Address G. W. W., Box No. 47 White Plains, N. Y.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION by a married man, who has a thorough knowledge of growing a large variety of vegetables; has been used to hot-house plants; has recommendations from last employers as to ability and character. Address R. C., stock store, No. 376 Broadway.

WANTED—A WAITERS SITUATION BY a respectable, trustworthy man, who fully understands his duties and has the highest City references; is a good waiter and fitting; Call or address WAITER, 319 6th-av., corner of 20th-st., for two days.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE MAN, A SITUAtion as gardener; unexceptable his business in all its branches; a place with glass preferred; is well recommended. Address GARDENER, Box No. 97 Times Office.

WANTED—BY THE ADVERTISER, A thorough, practical carpenter, a situation in any factory or mill, where his services might be made available; no objection to the country. Address A. C., Box 110 Times Office, for three days.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and groom by a single man, who thoroughly understands his business; no objection to the country; good City and country references. Address N. S., Box No. 195 Times Office.

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WANTED—BY A MIDDLE-AGED SCOTCH man, a situation as a good coachman or groom; has lived in first-class families in Europe and America; refers to some of the best families in New-York. Address D. MCK., Box 142 West 40th-st.

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PROFESSOR ROHDE WILL DELIVER HIS ILLUSTRATED GEOLOGICAL LECTURE THIS EVENING, AT 8 O'CLOCK, AT STEINWAY HALL, ON FRIDAY EVENING, THE 18TH, AT 8 O'CLOCK.
Admission, 50 cents; children, 25 cents. Reserved seats, 25 cents extra. Tickets at Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway, and at the door. Reserved seats can be secured by LETTER FROM PROF. D. OGDEN DOREMUS.
It gives me pleasure to commend most cordially Professor Rohde's views respecting the history of the Mosaic record of Creation. I am sure he will be glad to learn that he opens a field of study, so highly instructive and attractive, to the public, and at the same time, so fertile in moral and intellectual profit; for while he carefully reserves and illustrates the Mosaic form, a reader expectant of the Mosaic form is surprised, so that it is a few hours the vast and wonderful themes are attractively and impressively presented. I sincerely hope that Mr. Rohde may find a large and respectable audience from the various colleges and schools of our City, as well as from the public. Respectfully,
E. OGDEN DOREMUS, M. D.

ARION VOCAL SOCIETY.
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GRAND BAL MASQUE AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1870.
Tickets at 50 cents, admitting one gentleman and lady. Extra ladies' tickets, 25. Sold by
FRANCIS BANG, 408 Broadway, corner Walker-st.
JOHN A. COAN, No. 10 Wall-st.
HANFT BROS., No. 806 Broadway.
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WM. A. POND & CO., Music Store, 547 Broadway.
PH. REIN, Fifth-avenue Hotel.
G. SCHIRMER, music store, No. 701 Broadway.
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JOHN A. GRAU, 1,197 Broadway.
For boxes apply to CHAS. A. COOK, No. 30 Wall-st., and HANFT BROS., No. 806 Broadway.

GRAND VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT
At the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of 4th-st. and 4th-av.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 16.
The following artists will

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The Society of Engineers held a meeting, open to the public, in Room No. 24 Cooper Building, this (Wednesday) evening, to discuss the construction of railroads. Professor OSTLER, of London, will read a paper on the peculiarity of the English railroad system.

WILLIAM MILLER and HENRY MILLER were brought up at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday, before Judge SCOTT, on a charge of stealing a horse and truck, containing two boxes of silk, estimated at over $5,000. STEPHEN BUCKLEY, No. 411 West Thirteenth-street, testified that on the 3d January he took two boxes of silk, the property of Mr. B. L. COHEN, No. 59 Leonard-street, to the store No. 491 Broadway, where they were consigned. Having entered the store for the purpose of having the receipt for the goods signed, he met WILLIAM MILLER, who engaged him in conversation while some other party drove away with the horse and silks. The property was subsequently found in the possession of the prisoners by Officer KING, of the Tenth Precinct, and identified by Mr. COHEN as belonging to him. They were held to answer in default of $5,000 bail.

JOSEPH MORRIS, ABRAHAM LEVINE and LOUIS LEVINEKS, were charged at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday, before Judge SCOTT, with obtaining $106 from CHARLES LEVINE, of No. 157 Christie-street, by false pretences. The prosecutor has a butcher store, and on the 20th of January last the prisoners came to him, represented themselves as being in the same business, and upon their representations he advanced them $106 to purchase fat for him. He afterwards ascertained that their statements were untrue, and he had them placed under arrest. The prisoners were committed for trial.

MICHAEL DALY, who keeps a newspaper stand on Third-avenue, appeared in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday and preferred a charge against a boy named ISAAC BELL of kicking off the cars a lad in his employ. It appeared that Bell was employed by a woman who had contracted to the Third-avenue Railroad Company for the privilege of selling papers on their cars, and DALY considered this an injustice to the other newsdealers, who were not willing to pay such a heavy fine to the Company. The evidence for the complainant was insufficient to establish the fact that undue violence had been used, and as the presiding Magistrate did not feel called upon to decide the question of the monopoly, the case was dismissed.

At the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, before Judge SCOTT, HENRY BECK was charged, at the instance of MARY BENDER, No. 84 South-street, with obtaining $63 by false pretenses. It appeared that on the 20th of last November the prisoner, with two others, entered the premises of the prosecutor and induced her to advance them $63, leaving as security a carpet bag which they represented to contain a large amount of property. On their failing to return she opened the bag and found it to contain only a few worthless articles of wearing apparel, and she then instituted a prosecution against the prisoner. He was held to answer.

An exceedingly interesting meeting of the Farmers' Club of the American Institute was held yesterday afternoon. Letters were read on various topics, coming from different parts of the country. Mr. LYMAN made a report on the "Fat Cattle," and Mr. SMITH spoke feelingly on the question of "Fat." Mr. J. Q. A. WARNER read a valuable paper on Horticulture, which, with a full report of the meeting of the Club, will be found in the WEEKLY TIMES, ready tomorrow morning. All agriculturists and others are invited to call on Mr. WARNER, at the St. Denis Hotel, to-day and to-morrow, and examine his large collection of cocoons, &c.

About a dozen plans have been submitted by architects to the Commissioners of Emigration for a lunatic Asylum on Ward's Island. The Commissioners meet this evening at the Society Library, in University-place, when the plans will probably be referred to the Asylum Committee for recommendation.

The number of valentines that passed through the main Post Office on Monday was about 6,000, and as many more through the branch offices. They still continue to come in, but in diminished numbers. The carriers find them a source of annoyance. Uncle Sam profits by them to the amount of $300 or $400.

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Sixth District Union Republican Association was held last evening at their assembly room, in O'Shaughnessey's Hotel. Some new members were admitted into the Association. After receiving the ordinary monthly reports of the local committees relative to the position of the Association, the meeting adjourned.

In compliance with the request of Messrs. DAVIDGE, HAWKINS, F. LEIPER, GEO. F. PURMAN and other prominent gentlemen, Rev. Dr. JOSIAH T. THOMPSON will repeat his discourse regarding "The Dangers to Religious Liberty from the Subsidizing of Sects by the State," in the Broadway Tabernacle Church next Sunday evening.

The warm rain storm from the south-southeast ceased at 1:30 A. M. yesterday. A cold rain storm set in from the north-northeast at 1:30 P. M., and continued until a late hour at night, turning into a sleet storm at 9:40 o'clock. A dense fog covered the rivers from 12:15 to 2 and from 4 to 6 A. M. Total rain depth of the first storm, .5 inch; rain depth from 1:30 to 10 P. M., .55 inch. Thermometer at 7 A. M., 42°; at 12 M., 46°; at 9 P. M., 36°. Barometer at 7 A. M., 29.74; at 12 M., 29.79; at 9 P. M., 29.90.

A free lecture was given by Rev. JOHN H. BRODT before a good attendance, in the Mariner's Church, corner of Catharine and Madison streets, last evening, his subject being "Mexico and its People." He described the social and political customs of the inhabitants of Mexico, together with the animals belonging to that country, in an animated and entertaining manner.

The "New-York Saengerrunde," Mr. HENRY BRAUNHOLD, President, and Mr. ERNEST HENRY PINKERT, Musical Director, one of the oldest German singing societies of this City, held their annual masquerade at the Germania Assembly Rooms last night. The large hall was crowded with masks of every kind. The assemblage was entertained by masked jokes relating to the Cuban question, the opening of the Suez Canal, the Woman's Rights question and the Ecumenical Council. As for dancing, the ball passed off most pleasantly.

AARON GOLDSTEIN took two dresses, valued at $65, from the dwelling of ROSE BROWN, at No. 41 Baxter-street, as he says, in fun. The owner of the property failed to perceive the joke, so the case came before the court. GOLDSTEIN surrendered the property, and on being arraigned before Justice DOWLING, was held for trial at the General Sessions.

A grand ball was given at the Academy of Music last evening, under the auspices of City Lodge No. 402, F. and A. M., for the purpose of establishing a fund for the relief of the distressed Master Masons in Cuba. The festivities were very well attended, and were doubtless attended with pecuniary success. Messrs. ANDREW HOLDRUM, H. MAHRENHOLZ and Dr. D. M. BROSHAN were among the organizers of the entertainment.

The fifth annual calico hop of the Ball, Hop and Pleasure Club took place at Apollo Hall last evening. Among those present were the Mayor, City Treasurer and City Clerk of Hoboken.

CHARLES WILSON and EDWARD HALE were charged with stealing some pieces of silk, worth $145, from the premises of ALBERT TAYLOR, No. 36 Mercer-street, at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday before Judge COX. The prisoners were observed to leave Mr. TAYLOR's store yesterday afternoon, with a valise containing the articles in question, by Officer CASEY, who placed them under arrest. The prisoners were held to answer.

MARIA GROGHARTY was held to answer at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, before Judge COX, for the larceny of a watch, worth $75, from the premises of Mrs. ROANE, No. 274 West Thirty-fifth-street, on Sunday last.

The following sudden deaths were reported at the Coroner's office yesterday: ANN Madden, aged 6 months, in Eightieth-street near Second-avenue; Henry Dulley, aged 30, No. 250 West Thirty-fifth-street; an infant, at No. 324 West Sixteenth-street; James Burman, aged 25, No. 26 Leonard-street; infants at No. 94 Baxter and No. 18 Greene-street; Leverett Johns, No. 65 Baxter-street; Isaac Moses, aged 18 months, No. 419 Washington-street.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner FLYNN in the case of JAMES SKELLY, aged 68 and a native of Ireland, who was suffocated in the manger of his stable, No. 1,295 Broadway, on Sunday. He was missed on Saturday and his fall into the manger only discovered the following morning when death had occurred.

Among the criminal cases before Justices DOWLING and DILKY, in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday, was one in which a sailor, named WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS, was charged with biting off the nose of DAVID OLESNER, acting as cook of the bark Rose. The offence was shown to have been committed while the accused was intoxicated. He was sent to the Penitentiary for six months.

The first annual ball of the Third-avenue Employes' Relief Association was held last evening at Brevoort Hall, corner of Fifty-fourth-street and Third-avenue. The arrangements were admirably conducted, and though the attendance was not as large as was anticipated the ball passed off to the satisfaction of all parties.

The fifth annual Calico Hop came off at Apollo Hall, corner of Twenty-eighth-street and Broadway last evening. The attendance was large, and under the efficient superintendence of Messrs. CORNWELL and AVERY, floor managers, the affair was thoroughly enjoyable.

JACOB DARDELIMER, a German shoemaker, aged 45 years, residing somewhere in Houston-street, near Avenue C, was yesterday found lying dead on the sidewalk of Nineteenth-street near Avenue B, by the Police. Death had been caused by a pistol shot wound in the mouth, supposed to have been inflicted by himself, as a pistol was tightly clenched in his right hand and some gunpowder was found in one of the coat pockets. The body was removed to the Morgue by the Police, who failed to discover any motive for the rash act. Coroner ROLLINS will hold an inquest.

BROOKLYN.

LOUIS LANGE, who was arrested on a charge of attempting to levy blackmail from JOHN SHANNON, of the Eighth District, by means of a threatening letter, was taken before Justice WALSH yesterday. He denied that he was guilty of blackmailing intent, but admitted that he had written the letter. He was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

A band of young thieves was reported as having gained an entrance to the dwelling of Mr. ISAAC WOLF, No. 86 Hudson-avenue, on Monday night at a late hour, and carried away clothing valued at $60.

The Children's Aid Society, now maintaining two houses for newsboys, one in Poplar-street, another in Van Brunt-street, received in personal subscriptions, from Dec. 1, 1869, to Feb. 1, 1870, $4,167 38. The expenditures for the year ending Feb. 1 amounted to $10,277 44.

PETER A. LEBRECK, a young man, aged twenty-one years, was arrested on Monday night in the Forty-third Precinct, charged with attempting to kill JOSEPH DEPUIS, of No. 46 Union-street, by discharging a pistol at him in the saloon at that place. He was taken before Justice DELMAR for examination.

A number of Assistant Assessors attached to the Third District, made a descent upon an illicit distilling concern in Dickson's Alley, in the Fifth Ward, yesterday. Not being able to defend themselves against the mob, and carry off the still at the same time, they smashed up still, mashtubs, molasses tubs and pipes, leaving them all in ruins.

The report that Rev. J. HYATT SMITH purposes to withdraw from the Lee-avenue Baptist Church, is wholly without foundation in fact.

At a meeting of the property owners on the line of Fourth-street, Brooklyn, E. D., yesterday, various propositions as to the best plan to be pursued for the widening of the street, were discussed, and the meeting adjourned without receiving upon any plan.

This evening the usual fortnightly concert will be given at the Bethel of Plymouth Church, on Hicks-street, near Fulton-avenue.

The number of persons who visited Prospect Park last week was 40,122.

LONG ISLAND.

The following are the newly-elected officers of West Hampton Lodge, I. O. of G. T.: D. Rogers, W. C. T.; Miss M. Payne, W. V. T.; Chas. Raynor, W. S.; Geo. Raynor, W. F. S.; Miss S. Culver, W. T.; C. E. Raynor, W. M.; Geo. Conklin, W. I. G.; D. Ketchum, W. O. G.; Mr. Raynor, W. C.; H. Bishop, W. A. S.; Mrs. A. Bishop, W. D. M.; Miss A. C. Ayres, R. H. S.; Mrs. H. Wines, L. H. S.; H. Raynor, P. W. C. T.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Riverhead, have organized a mite society. The ladies sew and make various useful and ornamental articles which are disposed of at the periodical fairs of the Church. Gentlemen are admitted on payment of an initiation and admittance fee.

A runaway accident occurred at Yaphank last week, which came near being attended with serious results. While Mr. S. F. NORRIS was sleighriding in company with his daughter, one of the shaft hooks became detached, which threw the sleigh and its occupants into a ditch. The horse became frightened and ran away, but fortunately without seriously injuring Mr. NORRIS or his daughter.

The religious revivals at Sag Harbor, Yaphank and Patchogue are still in progress. One hundred conversions are reported at Patchogue alone.

An alcoholic nursery lamp exploded in one of the rooms of the Long Island House, at Riverhead, a few evenings since. The occupants of the room awoke in time to subdue the flames with the bed clothing.

A number of the citizens of Riverhead filled their icehouses last week with ice taken from the neighboring ponds only three inches in thickness.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Mr. C. CRARY, and other founders of the Chester Hill section of Mount Vernon, have purchased the farm of WILLIAM SEARING, Esq., comprising thirty-five acres of land for $1,100 per acre. It will be immediately laid out in village lots, the streets and avenues conforming to those of Mount Vernon.

Mr. ALEXANDER GRANT, of Mount Vernon, while engaged a few days ago in cleaning a revolver, which he supposed to be unloaded, was shot in the right hand by the accidental discharge of the weapon. About a year ago he had the end of one of the fingers of the same hand accidentally taken off while using a hay-cutting machine.

Mr. JARVIS WARING has sold the lot on the northwest corner of Broadway and Main-street, Yonkers, twenty-five feet front by seventy-four feet deep, to HERMAN MEIZER for $16,000.

At a meeting of the Board of Education of Morrisiana, Monday evening, a communication was received from Mr. HYATT, Principal of Public School No. 1, Mott Haven, setting forth that smallpox was prevalent in the vicinity; whereupon it was ordered that the several principals of the town be authorized to require evidence of the vaccination of each scholar, in their respective schools, as a condition of his or her remaining therein.

Rev. Bishop POTTER, assisted by a number of clergymen of the Episcopal Church, will celebrate divine service of the Holy Communion in the new house of worship erected by the congregation of Trinity Parish, George-street, Morrisania, Thursday forenoon, commencing at 11 o'clock.

The corner stone of a new Roman Catholic Church at Williamsbridge will be laid with imposing and impressive ceremonies by the Very Rev. Dr. STARR, V. G. of the diocese, assisted by a number of clergymen, on Sunday next, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The first Board of Trustees of the newly-incorporated village of West Mount Vernon are actively engaged in improving the condition of their carriage roads and sidewalks.

NEW-JERSEY.

In the Hudson County Court of Sessions yesterday, ROBERT CHASE, who was sentenced on Friday last to a term of eighteen months in the State Prison, for atrocious assault and battery was released from custody. The Court had reconsidered its sentence and found a host of mitigating circumstances.

The bricklayers and plasterers of Jersey City have struck for $4 50 a day. Their employers offered them $4. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment by this action.

In the Hudson County Circuit Court yesterday afternoon a verdict for $150 was rendered in favor of the plaintiff in the suit brought by JOHN REILLY against THOS. MARTIN to recover $2,000 damages for injuries sustained by the plaintiff at the hands of the defendant in a barroom fight in South Second-street, in Jersey City, about a year and a half ago. MARTIN stabbed REILLY three times with a knife. He was subsequently convicted of the crime and sentenced to penal servitude in the State Prison for two years. After six months of his term had expired he was pardoned.

A thief entered MELIG's drug store on Montgomery-street, in Jersey City, Tuesday, and took $161 from the till. A young man, who was arrested on suspicion of having taken it, was subsequently discharged for want of sufficient proof.

An anti-boulevard meeting was held at the rooms of the Citizens' Association, in Bergen City, last evening.

The officials of Bergen City are making a raid upon the liquor dealers there. Several have been arrested and fined.

Some burglars, last night, entered the residence No. 227 South Fourth-street, in Jersey City, and stole a quantity of valuable jewelry.

The Hudson County Freeholders' Committee on Consolidation are said to favor an amendment to the charter of the consolidated city providing that the Mayor and members of the Common Council be not salaried officials.

DANIEL MILLER, a fireman on the Central Railroad, broke his arm at the depot at Communipaw yesterday by falling from a locomotive.

JOHN WILD was arrested in Jersey City last night charged with having stolen gold clippings and jeweler's tools from his employers, Messrs. WARREN & STADDIE, on the corner of Railroad-avenue and Barrow-street. Most of the property alleged to have been stolen was found in his possession. He is held for examination.

The Jersey City Common Council last evening unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that the pay of patrolmen under the charter of the new city be advanced to $1,200. It was referred to the Committee on Consolidation.

DANIEL G. HEPBURN, a grocer, doing business at No. 268 Washington-street, Newark, was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with compounding a felony with a young man named BALL, who had been arrested, at HEPBURN'S instance, for embezzlement. It is stated that HEPBURN received $100 from BALL for his failure to appear to prosecute.

Important Land Suit at Wichita.

The celebrated Churchill Land Suit vs. C. M. WOLCOTT, for the right, title, and possession of a large tract of land, including nearly the secret, with dwellings, churches, and public buildings, and other improvements erected thereon, is now in course of litigation at Fishkill, Dutchess County, the positive value of the property in question is variously estimated, but cannot fall far short of $2,000,000. The premises embraced in the present suit do not comprise the entire amount of the original estate affected, and if the legal test applied to the territory now disputed is sustained for the centuries, a large additional amount will fall to each party. The suit will not present a case of public very far in the future, as it involves the ownership of a large portion of New-Orleans.

MISS ANTHONY'S BIRTHDAY.

Fifty-Years of Life and Twenty of Work—A Brilliant Gathering at the Woman's Bureau—Music, Poetry, Reminiscences and a Speech.

We are familiar with the story of the man who boasted that he had written an anonymous letter and signed it with his own name. Imitating his illustrious example, the ladies of the Woman's Bureau planned a surprise party to celebrate Miss ANTHONY'S fiftieth birthday, and kindly prepared their victim for the shock. Birthdays, it may be well to mention, are both honorable and ancient institutions. They run back to a time whence "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." It was eminently fitting that Miss ANTHONY should have one, and may be taken as a symbol of the equality of the sexes, in this and respect at least. Miss ANTHONY, moreover, bears her fifty Summers lightly. Whatever our sentiments may be as to the cause she advocates, we do full justice to her restless energy and activity and unswerving fidelity to her principles. Charming and cordial in her manners, with kind words for all, she welcomed each guest last evening and set them at once at home and at ease.

At an early hour the cheerful parlors of the Woman's Bureau, on Twenty-third-street, began to be filled with the "bright and the fair," Diamonds and pearls flashed in the gaslights; silks and satins swept the carpets; while male forms in black coats flitted to and fro, like uneasy spirits in a friendly but foreign clime. Prominent among the many present were the venerable Hon. Samuel E. Sewall and wife, of Boston; Mrs. J. Sheether Hooker, of Hartford; Junius S. Brewster, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Rardall, Miss Stanton, Miss Cary, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Dr. Lozier, Mr. Farnam, Mr. Ford, Mr. Wilson, and Miss Nellie Hutchinson, whose sprightly pen has so often drawn the lively pictures of the ladies "in convention assembled." Mrs. Mountain, Mrs. Hasbrouck, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others came freighted with their burdens of congratulations and good wishes, and often things much more substantial for Miss ANTHONY.

About 10 in the evening Mrs. RANDALL read a birthday ode composed for the occasion by Miss PHEBE CARY:

"We touch our caps and place to-night
In this victorious hour,
The woman who outstrides us all
In courage and in honor.

While others in domestic broils
Have proved by word and carriage,
That one of the United States
Is not the State of marriage.

She caring not for loss of men,
Nor for the world's confusion,
Has carried on a civil war
And made a Revolution!

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A perfect woman, nobly planned
To aid, not to mate and mend,
Take her for all in all, we ask
Shall see the match of Susan."

Mr. JOHN HOOKER also sent some verses, and Mrs. BROSSON read the following sentiment:

"Though from all disease we try to be free,
The contagion you will covet with me,
Though we may not be married, we can be married
That we all may catch the rabid ANTHONY'S fire."

Mrs. ANNA RANKED FOX'S "Raven" followed, and Mrs. RANDALL declaimed the "Bells." Miss ANTHONY made the following characteristic speech:

If it was an assembled mob or a convention which denied the right of suffrage to woman, she would know what to say. She never made a speech except to her people to work. So soon as cultivated women come up and are ready to do the speaking, she was content to fall back. Her work was the subsoil plowing. She had ladies before her who were used to sing and speak and read in public, and public sentiment sanctioned it, and women were constantly on the platform than now. Public sentiment everywhere demanded woman suffrage, and so she was dumb, though she still found voice to ask them to work. While it was the proposition of the friends of the suffrage that women should go down to MOZART'S constituents and ask for their votes, she would ask them to join in and demand a Sixteenth Amendment. When the Secretary of State shall proclaim that twenty-eight States have ratified that amendment then SUSAN B. ANTHONY would stop work, and not before.

Miss ANTHONY had received kind letters from Senator Sumner and Wendell PHILLIPS, editor of the *Tribune*, Mrs. BURLEIGH and others. The gathering was an exceedingly pleasant one, and we wish Miss ANTHONY prosperity and health as she enters on her twenty-first year—of work.

Meeting of the Geographical Society—A Paper on Peru by Hon. E. G. Squier.

The regular monthly meeting of the Geographical and Statistical Society of New-York was held last evening at the Cooper Institute, Hon. CHAS. P. DALY presiding. Several new members were elected, among them Hon. CHAS. H. VAN BRUNT, FREDERICK W. LOWE, ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, and others. The Treasurer reported a balance of $2,134 96 in the treasury, and the Librarian acknowledged the receipt of nine-by-four volumes since the last meeting.

Hon. E. G. SQUIER read a long and interesting paper on the geography and ancient monuments of Peru. Before entering upon the subject Mr. SQUIER presented to the Society a manuscript map, made in the 16th century, by Pedro Sarmiento, made by JUAN LOPEZ, the Geographer of the King of Spain, in 1586, which he said was by far the most complete and detailed representation of that region ever made. The investigation on which this and many other maps, charts and documents were in the Spanish archives, he found, had, he believed, direct reference to the construction of a ship canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. A copy of the map was taken by the Darien Expedition, which has just left this port, and will doubtless be found of great use in its explorations. In his lecture Mr. SQUIER dwelt at length on the geology of the country, the people, &c., and gave a particular account of the results of his own explorations in the great basin of Lake Titicaca. The most accurate map of this region which had ever been made, he said, was that of Mr. PENTLAND, a representative of the British Government in Peru in 1827. This, however, contained some inaccuracies which he was able to correct. After giving an account of the lake and its surroundings, the speaker alluded to the streams which rise in the Peruvian mountains, and form the head waters of the Amazon. This subject, he said, had peculiar interest, owing to the efforts which had been made to establish a continuous line of navigation from the most thickly populated districts of Peru to the Atlantic coast. He gave an account of the various exploring expeditions instituted by the Peruvian Government with a view to opening this line of communication, but said that the results thus far had been unfavorable, which were entertained by some regarding the capacities of that Republic, if direct communication to European ports should be established. The paper concluded with a graphic description of the City of Cuseo, with its architectural ruins, its grand and impressive monuments of the Empire of the Incas. The lecture was illustrated with maps and charts and a great variety of photographs of Peruvian architecture and works of art. At its close a vote of thanks was moved in a complimentary speech by Mr. T. B. MYERS, and a copy of the paper requested for publication, after which the meeting adjourned.

Serious Fire in Astoria—A Man Burned to Death.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the Nassau Oil Works, situated on the river, just above the Ninety-second-street ferry house, in Astoria. An alarm was sounded, which was promptly responded to by the Fire Department. Soon after operations were begun it was reported that a man named HANKS, a brother of one of the principal owners, was in the burning works, and as soon as the flames had been sufficiently subdued a vigorous search was made for him, which resulted in the finding of his body so disfigured as to preclude the possibility of recognition. There was no doubt, however, of his identity, as he was known to be in charge of the works that night alone. The origin of the fire is as yet unknown. The impression among the employes is that a flame from a match or lamp in the hand of HANKS, who was attending to the running off of a still, must have come in contact with the gas escaping during the operation, and thus caused an explosion, resulting in the almost instant death of the man and setting fire to the works. O'CONNOR'S ice house, immediately adjoining the oil works, was also burned, but not entirely destroyed.

Fortunately the oil company had but a limited stock on hand, it is reported not over 100 barrels in all. The icehouse was empty, Mr. O'CONNOR, like other dealers, having collected no ice this season. The insurance on the oil works is reported to be heavy; the amount and name of companies could not be ascertained. The icehouse was insured in the Humboldt Insurance Company. Great praise is due the firemen for their exertions. The fire occurred in the immediate vicinity of the Steuben Oil Refinery, the gas house, railroad depot and Alta Vela Phosphate Company's works; and but for their determined efforts, under the direction of Chief Engineer NEVINS, a disastrous conflagration would have occurred.

Stabbing Affray in Jersey City.

Some young roughs from the New-York House of Refuge yesterday entered a store in Hoboken, and robbed the till of every cent it contained. They then moved towards Jersey City for the purpose of committing other robberies. When they had reached the Long Dock they fell in with a number of Jersey City boys. These they tried to induce to join them in their depredations, and to point out favorable places for their consummation. The Jersey City boys refused to join with them. A fight ensued, during which it is alleged one of the New-York boys named MATTHEW BRENNAN, drew a knife and stabbed one of the Jersey City boys, CHARLES COON, in the arm. BRENNAN, with four of his companions, [illegible]

THE NEW-YORK BAR.

Meeting of the Bar at Chickering's Hall—A Reward for the Capture of Mr. Stanton's Assassins—Worthington's Address on the Bar.

The meeting of the members of the New-York Bar, held last evening in the Studio Building, corner of Twenty-sixth-street and Fifth-avenue, was attended by most of the prominent lawyers in the City. It was a very private meeting. The Committee appointed at a former gathering to draw up a constitution and by-laws to govern the Bar Association reported in due form, and the evening, until a very late hour, was taken up in discussing and amending several articles of the constitution. EDGAR S. VAN WINKLE presided, and G. P. LOWREY and J. E. PARSONS acted as Secretaries. The gentlemen who took active part in the debate were E. W. Stoughton, John Slosson, C. A. Seward, D. W. Field, A. Richol and Judge Emmet. After the necessary amendments were made the constitution and by-laws were regularly adopted and the following officers were elected:

President—WILLIAM M. EVARTS. Vice-Presidents—Samuel J. Tilden, James E. W. Gerard, Jos. S. Bosworth, John Slosson, Edgar S. Van Winkle. Treasurer—Albon P. Man. Corresponding Secretary—John Bigelow. Recording Secretary—Augustus B. Macdonough.

Executive Committee—Henry Nicoll, Hamilton W. Robinson, Augustus F. Smith, William F. Curtis, William C. Barrett, James Emott, Chas. A. Rapallo, Stephen P. Nash, Samuel B. Garvin, Sidney Webster, James C. Carter, John E. Parsons, William G. Choate, Francis C. Barlow, Henry A. Tailer.

Committee on Admission—Henry A. Oram, Charles F. Southmayd, Samuel E. Lyon, John E. Burrill, Richard H. Bowman, Theodore W. Dwight, Hooper C. Van Voorst, John C. Dimmick, John M. Knox, Grosvenor P. Lowrey, Frederick Kapp, Wheeler H. Peckham, C. A. Hand, Frederick Smyth, James W. Gerard, Jr., Joseph Larocque, George DeForrest Lord, Charles H. De Costa, Richard Weldon, Elbridge T. Gerry.

E. R. ROBINSON offered the following resolution, which was adopted, stating at the same time that the money mentioned therein had been provided for:

Whereas, On Saturday, Feb. 12, an attempt was made upon the life of DORMAN B. EATON, under circumstances which lead to the belief that the attempt was instigated by private malice;

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Association be instructed to offer through the proper authorities a reward of $5,000 for the apprehension and conviction of such person or persons, to be paid on conviction.

JOHN SLOSSON next offered the following, which were likewise adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare a suitable address to the members of the Bar of the City and State of New-York, setting the form and objects of this Association and soliciting their cooperation in the formation of similar associations throughout the State.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to have the proceedings of the first meeting printed in pamphlet form, together with the constitution and by-laws, with the names of the officers elected, and to send a copy to each member of this Association and to the members of the Bar in this and the other States of the Union.

The meeting was then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

Affairs at the Custom House—Business Brisk.

By the arrival of nearly a dozen steamers at once at this port within a day or two, Custom House business has been made brisk. Yesterday the rotunda fairly hummed with the coming and going of brokers. On Monday the amount of duties collected was $626,000 in gold; yesterday $864,000—far above the average of daily receipts.

THE CARTAGE DIVISION.

Yesterday the new cartage system went into effect in all its branches. On the 1st inst. the carting of goods to the public stores and under general orders commenced, and yesterday began the carting to bonded warehouses.

The new system is simply this: When goods are landed on our docks from vessels they are under the control of the Government until the proper duties have been paid upon them. If duties are not paid immediately the goods are taken from the docks to the Government stores or bonded warehouses by carmen. Hitherto these men have been under no bonds to deliver the goods properly to the appointed places. Nothing prevented them from changing the packages for some of less value on the transit. Now, the only parties the Government deals with are the carmen or the goods themselves, who may hire their own carmen, but must give bonds that no loss accrues to the Government.

The plan promises to work well, and the carmen who protested against it are nearly all employed by the importers, so that none of them are really injured in their carting business. The new division is under Mr. LINDSEY, and its headquarters are at No. 71 Broadway.

MR. GRINNELL AND THE SUGAR IMPORTERS.

Mr. GRINNELL, since he has been Collector, has endeavored, as far as possible, to afford the mercantile community every possible facility consistent with the requirements of the revenue laws. Abuses every now and then grow up under the plea of a literal construction of a provision in itself is taken advantage of to wrong the Government. In order to stop this evil must be general in its character, and consequently, it here and there works unjustly in its application. One of the prime articles which demand the attention of the importing merchants, Arriving here in large quantities, the market being heavily stocked, and the profits small, any unnecessary delay, even if a short one, which keeps the merchant from disposing of his consignments at once, make severe losses possible. An order recently given that liquors of sugar should not be delivered until after it was officially sampled is one of these instances where a well-intentioned rule of action wrought oppression. The matter was yesterday brought to the notice of Collector GRINNELL, and his mercantile experience enabled him to instantly understand the entire subject, and without hesitation he issued the necessary order, which will insure the importer samples on the arrival of the consignment. The propriety of this is especially noticeable when it is considered that the United States weighers, from the amount of work which often accumulates on their hands, are frequently delayed one or four days in weighing a consignment. In this delay, if the merchant and broker were denied samples, the importer might materially suffer in a sharply-contested market.

Sectarian Schools—Petition to Governor Hoffman.

The following petition is receiving a great many signatures, and will very soon be presented to Governor HOFFMAN:

To His Excellency John T. Hoffman, Governor of the State of New-York:

Your attention is called to an unconstitutional tax imposed upon the citizens of the County of New-York. The State Comptroller says in his report an educational tax of $2,307,611 42: "This sum does not include the large sum of $216,012, which under the provisions of chapter 876, section 10, Laws of 1869, is distributed from the Excise moneys for the support of schools educating children gratuitously, who are not provided for in the common schools," in New-York City.

Every taxpayer in the County of New-York will find, on the back of his tax bill for this year, that he is taxed for this very amount and item, and therefore it is not taken from the Excise fund. This has been paid over to sectarian schools, contrary to the spirit of our free Government. It is unconstitutional, for the reason that it is in violation of article 7, section 13, State Constitution.

The amount, about one-tenth the whole State educational tax, is of great importance to every taxpayer of New-York County, and the subject of vital importance to each citizen.

Your Excellency may have signed the bill inadvertently; but, in view of your repeated declarations in regard to special laws, we would respectfully ask you to have it repealed, believing that the continuance of an unjust law involves as much responsibility as its origin.

Unitarian Conference.

The preliminary sermon before the New-York and North River Conference, comprising delegates from the Unitarian Churches in this City, Brooklyn, Staten Island and the towns on the North River, was preached, last evening, in the chapel of the Church of the Messiah (Rev. Mr. HEPWORTH,) Thirty-fourth-street and Park-avenue. The inclemency of the weather prevented a large attendance. The preacher was Rev. CHAS. LOWE, of Boston. The subject of his discourse was, "The peculiar Mission of Unitarianism above any other religious belief to draw into religious communion the votaries of science, and to reconcile science and religion." This arose from the liberality which distinguished Unitarian doctrine, the scope of which was large enough to encircle all who profess or call themselves Christians. He congratulated the Conference on the great advance which the denomination had made within the past year, and prophesied still more encouraging results for the future. The Conference will meet at 9 A. M. to-day, and a public meeting will be held at 8 o'clock P. M., when several addresses will be delivered.

The United States Steam Frigate Colorado.

The first-class United States steam frigate *Colorado*, which has previously announced in the Times, went into commission yesterday, preparatory to leaving for the West Indies on a three years' voyage, in now a hive of business. All hands are at work getting everything on board in perfect sea-going order. When she will start on her voyage is not yet known, but no time will be lost in putting her in readiness to sail when the final order comes from Washington. The following is a list of her officers:

Captain—George H. Cooper; Lieutenant Commanders—Silas Casey, Jr., Oscar F. Hirsman, Ap-

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Fire at Union Course, L. I.—A Man Believed to Have Perished—Loss $4,000.

On Monday night a fire occurred in a building on the premises adjoining the Union Race Course, formerly owned by JOHN BOYCE, and used as a hotel, which communicated to and destroyed an adjoining building. The building in which the fire originated contained a large quantity of hay and grain, and a valuable pair of mules, all of which were consumed, causing a loss of $4,000. It is believed that the lessee of the premises, a German named LEITZ, has also perished in the flames, as he is said to have been in the habit of getting inebriated and going into the barn to sleep, and also smoking there. He has not been seen since the conflagration, and a portion of burned clothing and some human bones have been extricated. There was no insurance on the premises.

Hudson River Navigation.

The river is now navigable as far as Hudson, although there is a great deal of broken ice at this point. The channel is free while the shore huge piles of fragmentary ice. At Crumpello the blockade is very formidable. On the Kingston shore large quantities are lodged. At Rondout Schoharie and Catskill vessels and barges sailing vessels is difficult but possible. At Newburg there is scarcely any impediment, although there are plenty of floating fragments on the surface. Vessels ply to and fro with considerable ease. At West Point there is something of a blockade, but below, at Peekskill, Haverstraw Bay and Tappan Zee, several vessels have been seen making headway during the last three days, and the warm rains are rapidly melting the ice.

A Shooting Affray in the Seventeenth Ward.

JOHN G. MCLEAN, of No. 14 Suffolk-street, a night watchman, quarreled last night in the basement of No. 145 Stanton-street with EMANUEL SHARKEY, of No. 96 Clinton-street. SHARKEY accused his antagonist of being a thief, when blows were exchanged, the struggle being finally ended by MCLEAN drawing a revolver and shooting SHARKEY in the head. The bullet entering over the right eye emerged behind the left ear. MCLEAN was arrested and the wounded man sent home for treatment.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—American Securities opened firm and closed quiet; closed quiet and steady. The course of the market during the day is indicated by the table following:

	11 A. M.	1 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
Console for money	92¾	...	92¾
Console for account	92¾	...	92¾
United States 5-20s of 1862	87¾	87¾	87¾
United States 5-20s of 1865 old	87	87¼	87¼
United States 5-20s of 1867	88¼	88¼	88¼
United States 10-40s	84¼	84¼	84¼
Illinois Central Railroad shares	...	110	110
Erie Railroad shares	20¾	20¾	20¾
Atlantic and Great Western shares	30	...	29¾

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The Bourse opened dull. Rentes, 72f. 22c. Closed firm. Rentes, 72f. 22c.

LONDON, Feb. 15—11 A. M.—Sugar dull and unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opened quiet; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales.

ANTWERP, Feb. 15.—Petroleum opened firm at 60f. for Standard White. Cotton opened quiet and steady, both on spot and afloat.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15—2:30 P. M.—BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 8s. 9d. ⅌ cental, for California White; 7s. 7d.@7s. 8d. for Western; 8s. 6d. for Winter.

The receipts of Wheat for three days have been 4,600 quarters; mostly all American. Corn, 37s. ⅌ quarter for European.

PROVISIONS—Cheese, 75s. ⅌ cwt., for the best grades of American.

PRODUCE—Tallow, 44s. 6d. ⅌ cwt.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15—2:30 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed dull; Middling Uplands, 11¼@11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼@11¼d. The sales of the day have been 10,000 bales, including 3,000 for export and speculation.

TRADE REPORT—The market for Yarns and Fabrics at Manchester is quiet but firm. PRODUCE—Linseed Oil 43l 10s. ⅌ ton.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Linseed Oil firmer. Tallow, 44s. 9d. ⅌ cwt. Calcutta Linseed, 56s.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 15.—United States Bonds closed firm; Five-twenties, 92¾ for the issue of 1862.

HAVRE, Feb. 15.—Cotton closed quiet, on the spot and afloat.

ANTWERP, Feb. 15.—Petroleum closed firm.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—EXCHAN